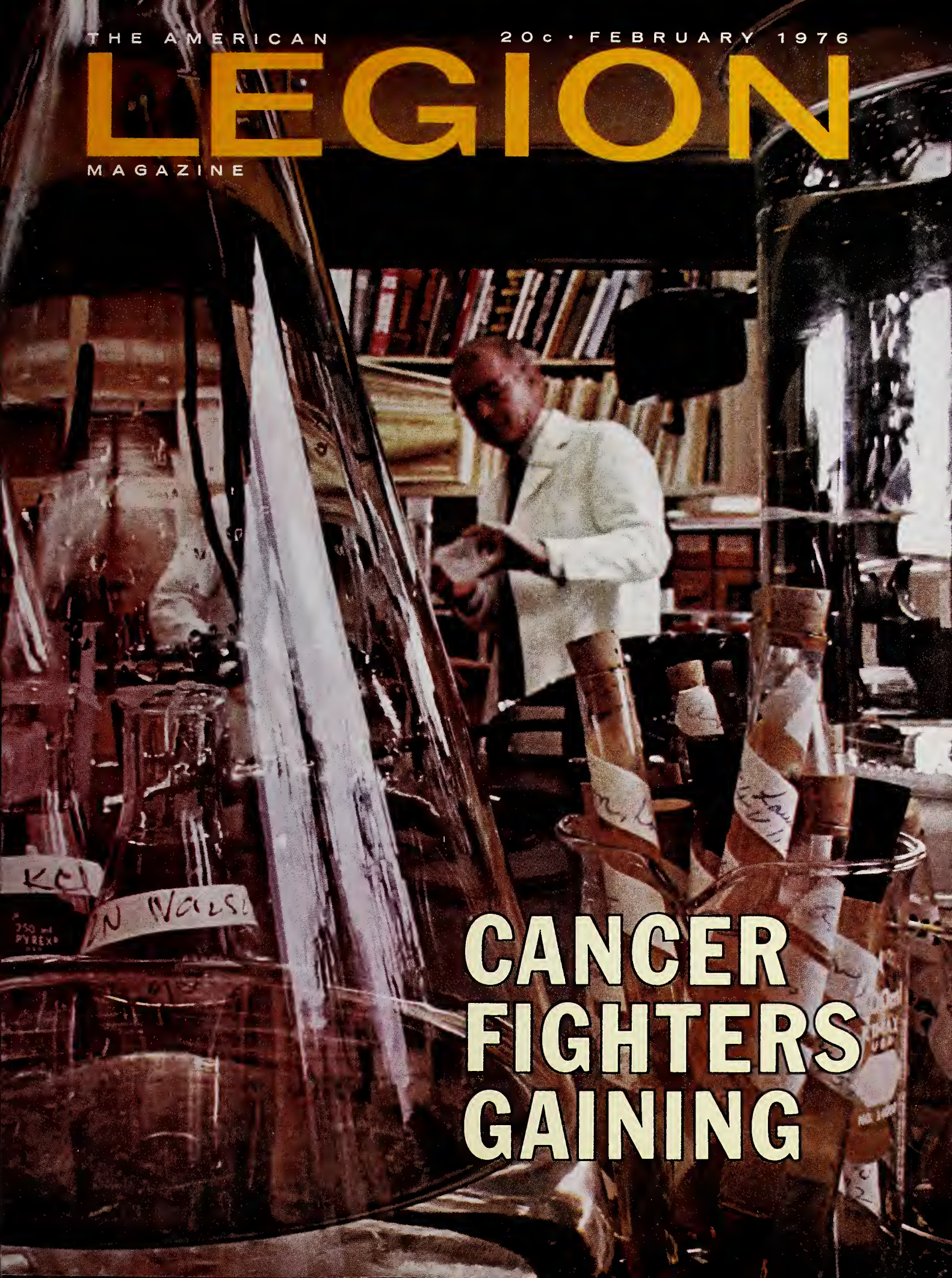


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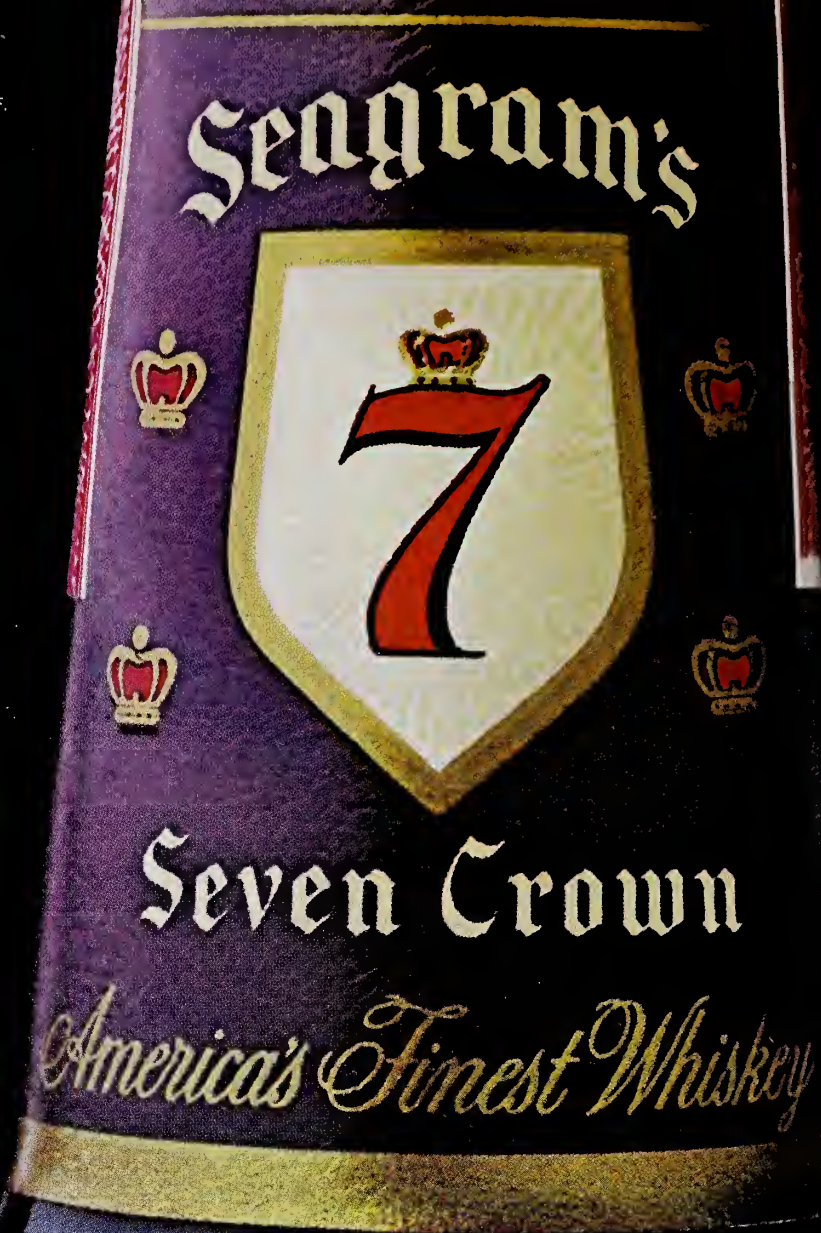
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The Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been wounded by critics on Capitol Hill, but big, tough organizations survive; the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee is another matter.

While daily headlines have gone to the blunderbuss attacks on the nation's two most important intelligence agencies, the last remnant of a once substantial congressional investigating force has been pushed to the brink of extinction.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities or Internal Security is gone. The Subversive Activities Control Board is gone. The Internal Security Division of the Justice Department has been subordinated. The FBI cannot report directly to Congress or the public. CIA material involves other nations and is—or should be—handled with utmost discretion. The special consultative committee on security of the Organization of American States—a watchdog on hemisphere subversion—is to be disbanded.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee stands as the last mechanism that informs Congress and the public directly, through open hearings and formal reports, of the activities of those who challenge the U.S. system of government.

The subcommittee budget has already been cut 50 per cent for the last seven months of fiscal 1976 (ending June 30) and the Rules Committee has informed Chairman James Eastland, of Miss., that further monies will not be considered.

Critics complain that the subcommittee has held "only eight days of public hearings on legislative measures" in the last six years. They do not mention more than 90 days of public hearings on investigative matters and a dozen executive hearings in the same period, nor 28 reports to Congress and the public on potential threats to the U.S. (Six more reports are pending, including one on organized subversion in the U.S. Navy.)

When one considers that the subcommittee staff has been reduced to ten or 12 and when one considers the delicate nature of its work and the atmosphere in which it has functioned, the work record compares favorably with more prestigious congressional committees. Also, it should be noted that the subcommittee was established as an investigative, not a

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**SALT?
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DOOMSAYERS preach that the United States has passed its zenith, that the rot and decay that felled ancient Rome and other civilizations are already eating at the heart of our nation.

I reject that premise. The American Legion rejects that premise. But I will not dispute that there are men and nations who would rejoice at our demise, who rejoice right now as we question our power, security and moral standards.

There is nothing wrong with the foundations on which America was built. And there is nothing wrong with honest soul-searching. It's healthy so long as over-ambitious men are not permitted to destroy that which they claim to protect. For example, examinations of our intelligence community can strengthen these vital arms of government; but if pursued with vengeance or hypocrisy they can weaken us in a major area of national security. What is needed today is good will, common sense and some old-fashioned patriotism.

Note that I said "patriotism," not nationalism. In 1976, we Americans have a charge that goes beyond the defense of our national borders, beyond the selfish development of our own wealth and well-being. Our forefathers left us a legacy of freedom and an admonition that "all men are created equal"—not just those lucky enough to be born in the U.S.A.

As 200 years whirled past and technology brought all men closer together, the meaning of equality and the American responsibility has become stark and clear. As we emerged from each crisis we were a stronger people, more confident in our institutions.

William Harvard said it well: "The greatest glory of a freeborn people is to transmit that freedom to their children."

For 60 of those 200 years we have struggled against a cancer called communism. In Indochina recently we tasted defeat, but the loss of a battle has always intensified American determination to win the war.

After Vietnam, however, we find a disturbing residue. A few have despaired that communism is now invincible. More have turned inward. They would like to turn the world off for awhile and get some rest. Unfortunately, that is a luxury our enemies will not permit us.

Our defeat in Indochina was not inevitable. The communists won because of indecision and retreat here at home. We followed a strategy of "gradualism" and ultimately we tired. The communists didn't.

Now we see signs of "gradualism" being applied in negotiations with the Soviet Union. The catchword is "détente." To the diplomat it means a lessening of tension; to the propagandist it is peace. It is neither.

Where is the lessening of tension, the lessening of Soviet pressure? Where is there evidence of a Soviet desire for real peace? Look at Soviet designs in the Middle East, Portugal, Angola, Thailand, the Caribbean, inside Russia, on the high seas and at the United Nations.

No, behind the facade of "détente" and touring Russian circuses, gymnasts, basketball players and dancers the struggle goes on. Big grain sales and Russian orders for industrial goods do not change the basic fact—the Soviets continue to seek world domination, not by nuclear war that would incinerate the treasures and talents they covet, but by establishing unquestioned military-nuclear superiority that would permit global blackmail.

The newest phase in this struggle is being waged at the ornate conference tables of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks and in the military budget debate in our own Congress.

Numbers alone no longer measure military strength in this complex technological world. We of The American Legion do not propose any specific number of men, missiles, planes, ships, etc. But The American Legion does insist that the United States have *enough* men, missiles, planes and ships to get the job done—whatever or wherever it is.

We are categorically opposed to concessions to the Soviets in the area of cruise missiles, medium and long-range bombers, submarine weapons or multiple warhead rockets.

These are crucial areas of American technological advantage.

We must not trade away the B-1 bomber, the Trident submarine and other new weapons systems for Soviet promises or poses. History has taught us too often the value of a Soviet promise. Already we are learning about their violations of SALT I agreements.

The issue is not whether Secretary Kissinger is right or Mr. Schlesinger is right. The issue is that nothing and no one can be allowed to threaten the continuation of the American idea.

If "the greatest glory of a freeborn people is to transmit that freedom to their children," we Americans cannot shrink from our mutual responsibility.

Harry G. Wiles

This message is made up of excerpts from Commander Wiles' national security speech in Los Angeles, Jan. 6.

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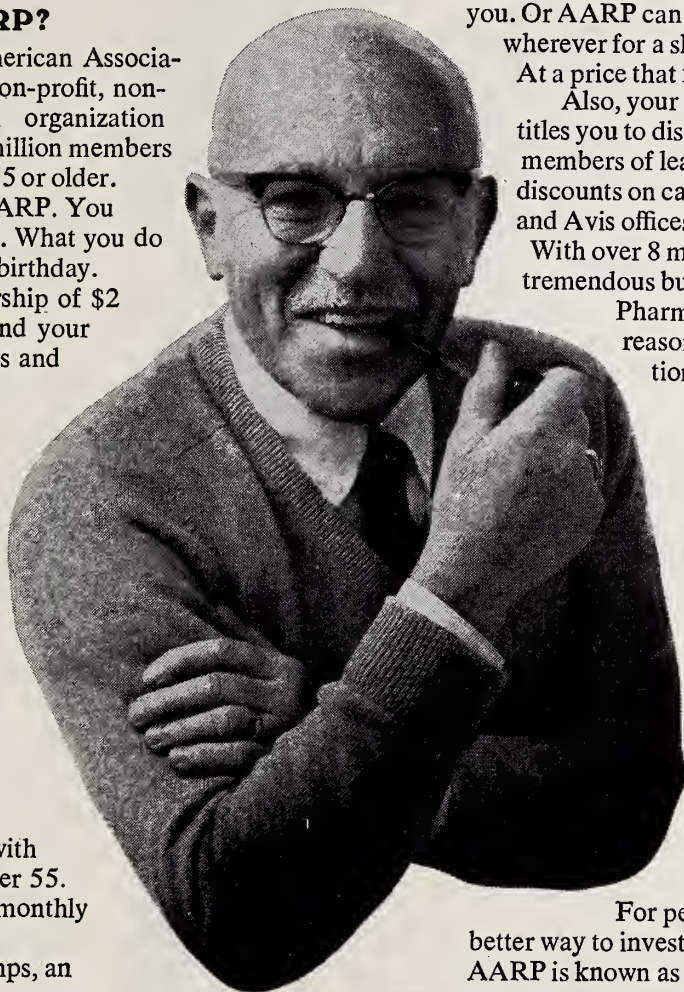
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CANCER FIGHTERS GAINING

By DR. BENJAMIN F. BYRD, JR.

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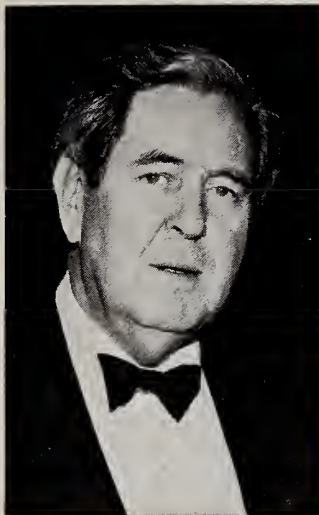
IN SEPTEMBER 1962, an eleven-year-old New Jersey boy was lying on the floor watching television when he felt a pain and touched a lump on his chest. The family doctor thought it might be a broken rib. The boy was an active, athletic youngster. But his parents, unsatisfied, took him to Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases in New York City, where the tumor was diagnosed as leukemia.

A few years earlier leukemia was considered an almost uncontrolled cancer. But, by 1962, cancer research had uncovered a number of new anti-cancer drugs that were especially potent against leukemia cells. The boy was one of the lucky advance guard of patients to benefit from a series of newly discovered drugs and breakthrough information about how cancer cells divide. This new knowledge, with the new drugs, had created several different forms of combination drug treatments that were putting an unprecedentedly high number of leukemia patients into remission; that is, there was no clinical evidence of disease. The boy got such a treatment; his disease did go into remission, and he continued to be treated by the new system for a period of years—since, at the time, no one knew when his leukemia might recur.

In Cincinnati, a 53-year-old woman went to a breast cancer clinic for a free checkup, using the latest techniques including xeroradiography—a new kind of X-ray that gives a positive blue print of breast tissue. The doctor examined her “mammogram” and saw a calcified mass in the left breast, strongly suspicious of cancer. He immediately wrote to the woman’s doctor suggesting a biopsy—an examination of tissue taken from the tumor. It proved to be cancer. The woman immediately had a radical mastectomy. Her breast and all of the surrounding lymph nodes and muscles were removed surgically, and the tissue was examined under a microscope by a pathologist. It showed that the cancer had not spread. The woman had an 85 to 99 per cent chance of being cancer-free five years later; if she had waited for symptoms, or until the tumor could be felt, her chances would have been about 50 per cent or less.

In California, a young Navy veteran found a lump on the left side of his neck a few years ago. Biopsy disclosed that he had Hodgkin’s dis-

Electron microscope at New York’s Mt. Sinai Hospital magnifies objects 100,000 times for cancer researcher. Microscope was funded in 1971 by American Cancer Society.



Science may be at the halfway point in its war to control cancer . . .

American Cancer Society Seminar

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Dr. Frank J. Rauscher

◀ DR. B. F. BYRD, JR.

ease, a cancer of the lymphatic system—a network of vessels carrying lymph throughout the body, something like the blood circulatory system. Until the 1960's, all medical textbooks called Hodgkin's disease "progressive and fatal." But a number of radiologists in Switzerland, Canada and the United States had begun to prove otherwise. Part of their proof called for increasingly powerful and precise types of radiation, because Hodgkin's disease often spread deep within the body where treatment by ordinary orthovoltage X-ray (up to 250,000 volts) could not penetrate without causing too much damage to the skin and other healthy tissue.

At the Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif., Dr. Henry S. Kaplan, professor of radiology, asked the physicists at Stanford's microwave electronics laboratory, builders of the world's first linear accelerator, if they could adapt a high-powered machine, used in physics research, to treat cancer patients.

Instead of orthovoltage, the new machine would employ megavoltage—radiation generated by millions of volts of electricity. High voltages produce X-rays of shorter wave length which concentrate below the skin and deliver much heavier doses of radiation to deep tumors, in shorter time, with less damage to intervening healthy tissues. In trained hands, megavoltage can be used over a wide area of the body with knife-edged accuracy to avoid vital organs. With these new machines, built to produce more and more powerful beams, doctors can in some instances wipe out Hodgkin's disease over the entire area of the body where the tumor is known to spread.

These three patients, the boy, the

woman, the young man, selected from among the 600,000 Americans who develop cancer each year, illustrate some of the recent progress made through research against the disease.

In the first instance, the boy was successfully treated by a modality (chemotherapy) that did not even exist until the 1940's and has since developed into a third arm of cancer treatment with surgery and radiation. Drug treatments can now control 11 tumors, most of them uncommon types, but the information learned in developing these therapies has been adapted into using drugs to treat the more common tumors.

As knowledge of the disease has been increased enormously by research, methods of diagnosing and treating it have become increasingly sophisticated. Special machines and diagnostic techniques are now needed for advanced or complicated cases; special expertise is required to utilize the data, and to select and optimize treatment. The apparatus and experts needed to treat some cancers are too expensive to be distributed in every hospital; they are concentrated in cancer centers. There are now 17 such centers established around the country under the National Cancer Act. They have powerful radiation therapy machines and techniques, using computers to plan radiation doses to give maximum tumor-killing effect with minimal damage to the patient. They offer specialized surgery, still the number one method of treating cancer, backed by the latest and most advanced life-support systems. They have experts in chemotherapy, and in the new experimental immunotherapy. And all of the expertise is combined, where necessary, in a team approach.

Multi-disciplinary centers are

meant not only to treat patients, but, more important, to export their expertise into surrounding communities, as well as to local hospitals and doctors.

The treatment given the New Jersey boy concentrates a number of important steps forward, starting with the discovery of new cancer drugs. There are now 50 useful drugs, of which 36 are available on prescription. The boy's treatment continued for ten years. He had one relapse, but this was controlled with a new drug. Since 1964, he has been free of all detectable disease. He is now 24, and happily married.

Since leukemia has been considered an incurable disease, physicians do not call such patients cured—even if they have lived for 20 years without any recurrence of their leukemia—but "presumptively cured."

The case of the Cincinnati woman shows how a new diagnostic technique, a form of X-ray of soft tissue called mammography, can detect tumors which cannot be felt by the patient, or her doctor. This technique was developed through cancer research. Until the early 1960's, X-ray could not picture soft tissues with any degree of clarity.

In 1974, in partnership with the National Cancer Institute, the society set up a network of 27 breast cancer detection demonstration projects. They are applying mammography and other new detection techniques to women over 35 who do not have clear cancer symptoms to learn if more early breast cancers—the kind most curable—can be discovered. Preliminary results indicate that about 2.5 times as many early breast cancers are being detected in these clinics as would normally be found.

The rate of long-term survival for these early cancers averages from 85 per cent to 99 per cent, as against only 53 per cent in the case of advanced tumors. And, research information learned from using drugs to treat leukemia is now being applied to solid tumors, like breast cancer. Given experimentally to women whose breast cancer had spread to lymph nodes—normally a sign of early recurrence—certain drugs seem to be preventing, or at least delaying, recurrence in pre-menopausal women. These experiments are in their early years. It is too soon to know what five-year follow-ups will show.

The Navy man treated for Hodgkin's disease also benefited from research. Surgery is now used to open the abdomen, enabling doctors to determine the extent of the disease and to direct treatment. The

Cancer Fighters Gaining

young man had 4,000 rads (units of X-ray) to every lymph node in his trunk and neck. This dose of radiation, previously considered too dangerous, has not only eradicated the disease in a large number of cases, but has prevented recurrence.

The treatment given to the young man now saves at least 75 per cent of Hodgkin's disease patients for five years or more (many remain free of disease for the rest of their lives and are considered cured). For patients who have more advanced Hodgkin's disease, formerly considered "hopeless," there are now drug treatments which can eradicate tumors and give long-term survival to a large percentage of patients.

Creating the linear accelerators to do the job was not, strictly speaking, cancer research, but it illustrates how cancer research involves a variety of sciences.

It is now one of the largest, and most productive, fields of biomedical research, encompassing almost all sciences, ranging from the study of the submicroscopically small parts of the individual cell, and their function, to the cell surface and its relations with viruses and other antigens—all the way up to gross cancer in ani-

mals and human beings. Researchers also are hunting keys in the environment that trigger various forms of the disease among different populations.

The American Cancer Society currently supports some 700 cancer researchers in nearly 150 American hospitals, universities, medical schools and other institutions through a \$30-million-a-year grant program. Since 1945, when the society initiated the first national cancer research program with a \$1-million budget, it has spent more than \$375 million on cancer research.

The results are evident. More than 1,500,000 Americans are now cured of cancer—*excluding* the thousands who are cured each year of more easily treated skin cancers. The cure rate was about one in four 30 years ago. Today, it is better than one in three—between 35 and 40 per cent. At a recent American Cancer Society seminar of 60 leading scientists, the consensus was that medical science may have reached the halfway mark in its war to control cancer.

Research has provided doctors with the tools and techniques to cure at least half of those who develop cancer—any and all kinds of cancer.

Some leading cancer centers record a 50 per cent survival of patients, many with advanced tumors most difficult to treat and cure.

Dr. Frank J. Rauscher, Director of the National Cancer Institute, says cancer research had made more progress within the past two years than in the previous half-century. It is accelerating; new discoveries are made so frequently it is difficult to keep up.

Here are some examples:

- Modern surgery, improved through research, is responsible for extending survival for at least five years of about 85 per cent of patients with skin cancer, 40 per cent of patients with cancer of the colon and 70 per cent of women with cancer of the uterus. Surgery is also used to prevent cancer by removing suspicious tissue which may be precancerous.

- Radiation now extends survival for at least five years in patients with cancer of the testicle; in children with retinoblastoma (of the eye), radiation alone or in combination with drugs gives 80 per cent of patients at least five years of life, and saves sight. It is successful in saving about 50 per cent of patients with squamous cancer of the cervix or cancer of the nasal passage.

- Drugs control a large percentage of choriocarcinomas (in pregnant women) and Burkitt's lymphomas (common in African children). Other cancers, including acute lymphocytic leukemia in children, lymphoma, Ewing's sarcoma (bone cancer), Wilms' tumor of the kidney, embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma (muscle tumor), are being cured or controlled with drugs.

- A new form of cancer treatment—*immunotherapy*—uses the body's immune system to fight off tumors. In laboratory animals certain substances have been proved to stimulate the immune mechanism of the body. These are now being tried on human cancer patients, usually in conjunction with other treatments.

The new concept in cancer is the team effort: a team made up of surgeon, radiologist, chemotherapist, nurse and patient to treat the disease; a team made up of research, education and service to control it. Working together, they are rolling back cancer at a rate that would have seemed inconceivable a few years ago. We are doing much better than the figures show. If we could wipe out cigarette smoking, and all the cancers it causes, overnight we would reduce sharply both the incidence and toll of cancer. END

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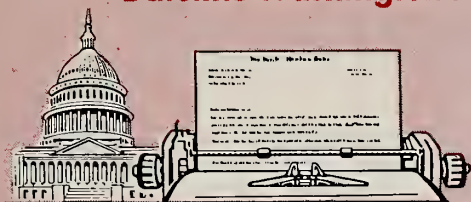
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Dateline Washington . . .



HOW GOOD IS THE AMERICAN FARMER? UNITED NATIONS FALLING INTO DISFAVOR. CREDIT BUYERS WIN LEGAL POINT.

There were 2½ times as many farmers in America in 1950 as there are today, yet agricultural output in the U.S. last year doubled the production of 20 years ago.

Just ten years ago, the American farmer supplied food and fiber for 29 persons. Today, that figure has risen to 52, as compared to a farm worker in the Soviet Union producing only enough for eight persons, and in France, for 14.

A few of the facts supporting the American farmers' effectiveness, as reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, reveal: (1) the time required to produce 100 bushels of corn in America has dropped from 135 hours to just six hours in 60 years, (2) one hour's farm labor now produces nearly nine times more than it did in 1921 and (3) in 50 years, U.S. crop productivity per acre has more than doubled.

The United Nations has been steadily losing popular support in this country as the so-called non-aligned "third world" countries have increasingly joined the Communist nations in pushing through resolutions over U.S. objections.

Congress, which has been reducing U.S. financial support for the UN and its activities in a show of disfavor, has become irate of late because the UN votes have been taking a distinct anti-U.S. flavor. Members of Congress are incensed that many of those countries which vote as a bloc against any U.S. position have been beneficiaries of our aid.

Long dormant opposition to the UN has become activated this year. Some Congressmen are urging U.S. withdrawal from the UN. Meanwhile, it's expected that Congress will cut more deeply into the U.S.'s contribution to the UN this year.

On May 14, the Federal Trade Commission plans to put into operation a new rule that gives a break to the buyer on credit.

Presently, consumers who purchase goods on credit often discover that the contract they have signed makes them responsible for

full payment of the item bought, even if the product proves to be faulty. Under the "holder-in-course doctrine" of the law, the third party in the purchase--the lender of the credit--has the right to collect the full amount due on the purchase, despite any legitimate complaints the consumer might have.

Credit contracts will now contain a special clause giving the purchaser a legal defense in court for failure to make full payment for a faulty product. The rule doesn't condone nonpayment, but does give the consumer the right to defend himself, a right he doesn't have now.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

COURT PHILOSOPHY

"Judges should impose on themselves the discipline of deciding no more than is before them." U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

POLITICAL DETENTE

"... political détente can at most lead to a redistribution of tension from the technological sector to the ideological one." Daniel Moynihan, U.S. Ambassador to the UN.

STRUGGLE OF IDEAS

"Relaxation of international tension by no means eliminates the struggle of ideas." Leonid Brezhnev, Soviet Communist leader.

UNION BUSINESS

"Everything in this world that affects life, liberty and happiness is the business of the American trade union movement." George Meany, president, AFL-CIO

LET LEADERS LEVEL

"We have found the American people distinctly of a mind of late of insisting that their leadership level with them out in the open on just how serious the problems are confronting us as a nation. . . ." Pollster Louis Harris

SELF-DENIGRATION

"Americans are going through a great masochistic orgy of self-denigration. You're getting things . . . rather out of perspective." Winston S. Churchill, MP

NO PLACE TO HIDE

"Nor may any nation, anywhere, assume that it could, somehow, be beneficiary of a large-scale nuclear exchange between two other powers and itself escape unscathed." Philip Handler, president, Nat'l Academy of Sciences.

FAMILY DECISION

"I don't think that it is up to the Congress or the Administration or anyone else to establish the appropriate family size." Rep. Patricia Schroeder (Colo.)

Who Says U.S. Savings Bonds Aren't A Good Investment?

By **FRANCINE I. NEFF**

Treasurer of the United States

MY "LIFE" with United States Savings Bonds began more than 30 years ago—and The American Legion was part of it.

I was a young teen-ager during World War II. My father, Edward Hackett Irving, was commander of the Wyatt-Griego American Legion Post #40 in our tiny town of Mountainair, N.Mex. Like so many American Legion posts, this one sponsored War Bond drives, and we high school girls spent our Saturday mornings sitting in front of the Mountainair Post Office, behind little card tables, competing to see which one could sell the most bonds. I can still see my father greeting his Legion friends and waving them over to my table.

I usually sold the most bonds. I thought it was due to my charming smile and curly hair. Years later, I realized that in addition to being commander of his American Legion Post, my father was also head of the local draft board!

Yesterday's War Bonds are today's Savings Bonds. But under any name, they're still a winner. In fact, 1975 sales of Savings Bonds were the highest, in dollar volume, that they have been in the past 30 years. Some \$6.9 billion in bonds were sold last year, for a total of \$67 billion in outstanding bonds. We hope, and expect, to sell \$7.6 billion in this 1976 Bicentennial year.

Why *do* people buy bonds today? Because:

1. Savings Bonds are good for individual Americans.
2. They are good for America.
3. They are good for our future.

Let's look at the last two reasons first. As Treasurer of the United States, I know that Savings Bonds are just about the least inflationary way we have to help manage our enormous federal debt. Without the Savings Bonds Program, Treasury would be required to rely much more heavily on short-term Treasury securities. This would clearly have an inflationary impact.

Also, despite what you may have heard, Savings Bonds are not cashed in quickly after purchase. Just the opposite! People keep their bonds

for well over five years, on the average—twice as long as Treasury's marketable issues are kept. This longevity helps us as taxpayers because every time Treasury goes to the market to refinance and refund, the cost is considerable. More than 20 per cent of the privately-held portion of the public debt is in the form of U.S. Savings Bonds.

Another reason to buy bonds is because they represent a tangible expression of faith in America and her future. It is hard for most of us to say, "I love America." It is easier to buy bonds.

Finally—and of most direct inter-

est—Savings Bonds are good for us individually.

Bonds are a financial security blanket in a troubled world. They are a painless way to save, through payroll deductions at work or over the counter at most savings institutions. They convert quickly to cash when needed; you always receive at least the amount you originally paid, in contrast to some other securities; and the 6 per cent interest rate is guaranteed if bonds are held to maturity.

You pay no commission to buy Savings Bonds, and if lost or stolen they will be replaced at no cost to



The author and United States Treasurer. Here, Mrs. Neff signs her name on new dollar bills bought by autograph collectors and fans.

you. More than two million lost, stolen or damaged U.S. Savings Bonds have been replaced by Treasury.

Bonds help to establish a pattern of thrift for millions of young Americans. As the mother of two children, I am interested in encouraging young people to save for college and the early years of marriage. It's a good deal easier to save when your salary reaches perhaps \$2,000 a month if you started putting aside money when you were earning \$200 a month as a graduate student.

But, you may ask, why U.S. Savings Bonds when Treasury bills and bonds yield higher interest rates of 7 or 8 per cent?

Well, for starters, you need a minimum of \$1,000 for Treasury bonds and a minimum of \$10,000 for bills. Most of us don't have that kind of ready cash. By contrast, you can buy E bonds for as little as \$1.25 a week, or \$18.75 for a \$25 bond.

Also, Treasury bills come in bearer form, which means that any loss by fire or theft is a total loss of your investment.

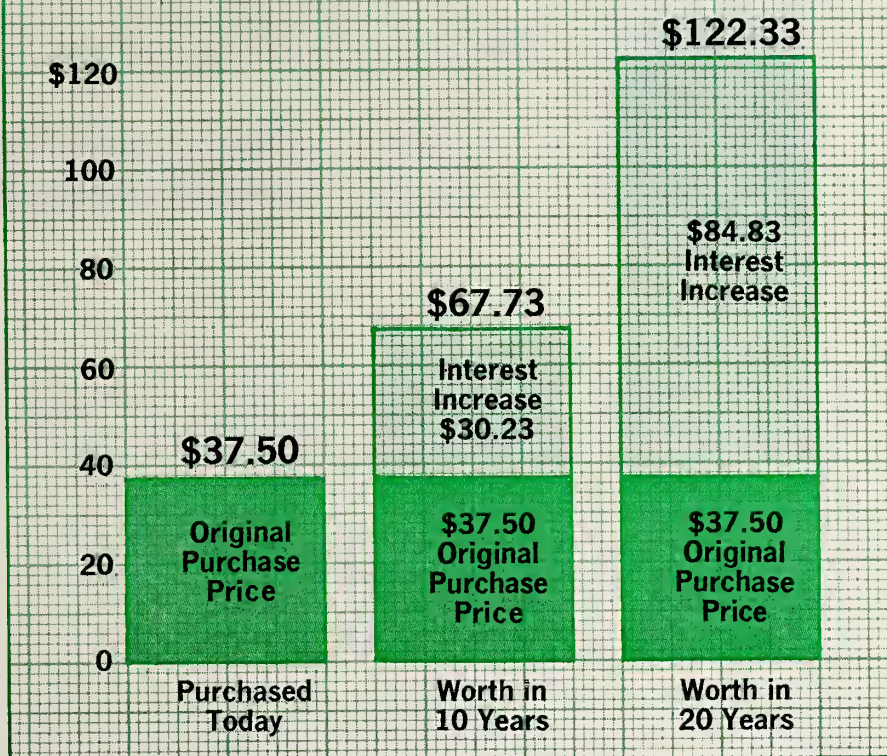
Finally, Savings Bonds have sizable tax advantages over Treasury bills. The income from Treasury bills and bonds is taxable by the federal government in the year received. But Savings Bonds have no state, local or personal property taxes, and you can defer federal taxes for many years—often until retirement and a lower income bracket. On no other comparable investment can an individual choose either to report interest yearly or to defer it.

If you're a young married couple saving for your child's education, you can buy E bonds in your child's name and list yourself as the beneficiary, not the co-owner. The first year, file a federal income tax return in your child's name. That way, you declare interest regularly, but unless your child's total investment income is more than \$750 a year there is still no tax to pay. You need to file an income tax return for your child only once on those particular bonds. Then, when he or she is ready for college, the youngster can cash in the bonds and the interest is free from taxes.

Now, suppose you're older and about to retire.

If you've been buying and holding E bonds regularly during your working years, and deferring the taxes, you have two options. You can cash in your E bonds on retirement, when you are probably in a better tax bracket. Or, you can continue to defer tax payments by exchanging E bonds for cash-yielding

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H bonds. In this case, you pay no tax until you cash in your H bonds. I know of many retired couples for whom Savings Bonds make the difference between just living, and living with dignity.

To summarize: Savings Bonds and Treasury bills are two different securities. Savings Bonds are a completely safe, convenient way for the average investor to accumulate a sizable amount of money on which the interest can be tax-deferred. Treasury bills are often used by corporations or other large investors who have large sums of money to move around for varying periods of time.

Savings Bonds are for saving, but they can often be an excellent investment. A banker friend has pointed out that \$75 invested monthly in bonds during the last seven years is worth more today, in dollars, than \$75 invested in stocks making up Moody's Industrial Index. And for most of the last seven years, Savings Bonds paid only 5½ per cent rather than the current 6 per cent.

Our 9½ million regular payroll savers come from all ages and income brackets. For example, Mr. Reginald Brack, senior vice president

of Braniff International Airways, has put his salary increases over many years into U.S. Savings Bonds. And President Ford, a long-time payroll saver, increased his deduction last year when he said, "I believe in the Savings Bonds Program. I did in World War II . . . I do now as a monthly subscriber."

Savings Bonds are sold and serviced by a small handful of Treasury employees and by a very large handful of unpaid volunteers. Easily 95 per cent of the people who sell bonds are volunteers, and they are wonderful! I've met hundreds of them in stores, offices, farms, banks and Legion halls all across America.

Legionnaires and their families are among our greatest volunteers. Our National Organizations Committee is proud of Legionnaire Louis Clark, Assistant Director of the Economics Division and Coordinator for The American Legion, and of Mrs. Melvin W. Junge, Chairman of the National Security Committee and Coordinator of Bond Activities for the Auxiliary.

The 57th Annual Convention of the Legion in Minneapolis last year passed Resolution No. 397 in support of the Bond Program. National

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Opposing Views by Congressmen on The Question . . .

SHOULD THE UNITED

BY SOME standards I suppose I hold to a rather modest definition of what diplomatic recognition means. I see it as no more than a formality which allows government-to-government discussions. It does not imply approval or support. It simply accepts the facts.

This is the standard the United States generally does follow, on purely practical grounds. We do not approve of the government of the Soviet Union, but we have recognized it since the 1930's. We have maintained diplomatic relations with a host of nations whose governments are offensive to us—dictatorships of both the right and left, many of which wish us no good. We do that because we know that we would be isolated indeed if we dealt only with those countries whose ideals matched our own.

There are exceptions. For example, though we established consular relations during the Nixon Administration, we still have not formally recognized the government of the People's Republic of China in Peking. But in that case—and in every other case besides Cuba—we have withheld recognition because we recognize a government somewhere else. For China, we recognize the government on Taiwan. In Cuba, we recognize no one.

So let us simply accept what is obviously true. Prime Minister Castro's government is in charge in Cuba. Regardless of whether we like it, regardless of how it came to power, it is the government with which we must deal.

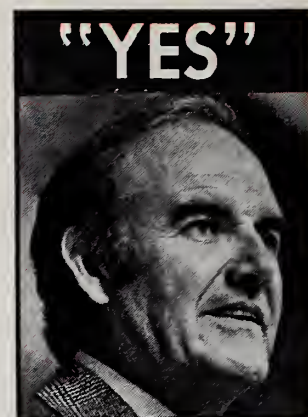
Withholding recognition has not hindered Castro's authority, and diplomatic recognition will not help him. But it will serve some interests of ours.

There are matters of mutual concern which have no bearing on ideology. For example, the anti-hijacking convention of 1973 was useful to both countries, but especially to the United States. It had

to be developed in a time-consuming, convoluted fashion because we were dealing with a government we pretended did not exist! On a more human level, there are Cuban-Americans who desperately want their aging or ailing relatives to come to the United States. American planes or boats have been lost in the Caribbean and anxious families want to know where they are. If we had diplomatic relations the State Department could inquire, as they do under similar circumstances everywhere else in the world. As it is we cannot even do that.

Recognition of Cuba would plainly serve our interests as a humane society which wants to help its own people. It may also serve our broader political interest, by gradually loosening Cuba's dependence on the Soviet Union. It could support our economic interest, by leading to mutually beneficial trade in non-strategic goods.

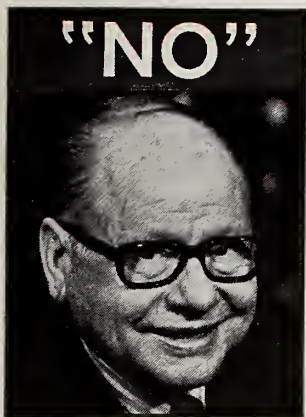
Perhaps these are not earthshaking reasons. But neither is the action itself.



Sen. George McGovern
(D-S.Dak.)

If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this

STATES RECOGNIZE CUBA ?



Sen. Carl T. Curtis
(R-Neb.)

THERE are some voices in this country seeking to create a sense of national guilt for U.S. refusal to recognize the Cuban regime.

Some people genuinely feel the United States is the guilty party for having sought to isolate Cuba; that we should go groveling on our knees to Castro, begging for his forgiveness.

Why should we seek the favor of a government which has enslaved a nation, brought suffering upon millions of people, caused the deaths of thousands and brought about extreme hardships by its mismanagement of a once-healthy economy?

I don't think it is unreasonable to oppose recognition of such a regime.

Nor is it narrow-minded to stand firm by one's moral beliefs. We correctly branded Castro as a tyrant and murderer over 15 years ago, and nothing has occurred since to alter the accuracy of that description. Unless radical changes take place in Cuba, the United States should do nothing to legitimize his regime.

Several disturbing myths have been gaining increasing popularity in this country. One is the theory that Cuba has softened its attitude toward the United States, and we might be able to dislodge it from the Soviet sphere.

Not long ago, the Cuban and Vietnamese delegates at an international conference released a statement branding the United States as their common enemy and hailing the USSR as the "sure and

firm ally of all the people struggling for their independence." So much for that theory.

Another myth which has gained substantial following: that rapprochement with Cuba will improve relations with other Latin American nations.

Such thinking may appear magnanimous, but, in fact, would be interpreted as a sign of weakness throughout Latin America—as another instance of the United States caving in to its opposition.

According to yet another myth, establishing relations with Cuba would benefit the United States by opening up a new market for our goods.

We stand to gain nothing from trade with Cuba. Entering into such a relationship would simply be subsidizing Castro's inefficient policies and relieving the Soviet Union of a severe financial liability.

If we give in to rapprochement with Castro, then we would be abandoning the principles upon which the United States was founded, and the same principles in which the rest of the people in the Americas also believe. Most importantly, we would be abandoning the people of Cuba who have sacrificed and suffered so much under Castro.

That is where the real sense of national guilt would arise.

Carl T. Curtis



I have read in The American Legion Magazine for February the arguments in PRO & CON: Should The United States Recognize Cuba?

IN MY OPINION THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS:

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John Adams— *He Bustled and Bristled His Way into American History*

By GENE GLEASON

TOO OFTEN, when we enumerate the giants of American independence, John Adams gets short shrift. For one thing, Adams was short and stout. Washington and Jefferson, each standing over six feet tall, looked like giants. They were dignified Virginia aristocrats; Adams was a bustling Boston lawyer. Ben Franklin was no giant in stature and he had no claims to aristocracy, but he was a superb diplomat, an inventive genius, and—even in old age—a conspicuous success with the ladies. Alexander Hamilton was renowned for his political intelligence. James Madison, though smaller and slighter in build than John Adams, becomes a giant when you consider his contributions to the Constitution.

John Adams was a lawyer, and he wrote that a lawyer “often foment more quarrels than he composes” and enriches himself by impoverishing others. After 17 years of law practice, he said, “No lawyer in America did so much business as I did . . . for so little profit.”

To his diary, Adams admitted that “vanity . . . is my cardinal vice and cardinal folly” and “I must set the town to talking about me.” He acknowledged that “I am but an ordinary man. The times alone have destined me to fame. . . .”

He carefully notes his faults and weaknesses: laziness, irresolution, an irascible temper, procrastination, envy, and a deep suspicion of his fellowmen. He could be just as frank about stating his virtues.

Adams bore little resemblance to our present-day image of the Puritan Yankee. He began smoking at the age of eight, chewed tobacco from his early youth, and drank ale, wines and spirits throughout his adult life, though not to excess. His interest in girls began when he was ten or 11, and he was capable of a little playful flirting at the age of 90, but in his autobiography he said that “no virgin or matron ever had cause to blush at the sight of me, or to regret her acquaintance with me. . . .” Of



John Adams. He was the first of 50 Adamases to hold political office.

his marriage to Abigail Smith in 1764, he called it “a connection which has been the source of all my felicity,” and he had no doubt about the wisdom—or sheer good fortune—of the union. The marriage endured happily for 54 years, although the struggle for American independence kept him away from home so much that Abigail wrote John in 1777 to complain: “Tis almost fourteen years since we were united, but not more than half that time have we had the happiness of living together.”

John Adams began practicing law in the fall of 1758, held a number of political offices in his native town of Braintree, Mass., and undertook the defense of John Hancock, a wealthy Bostonian who had been charged with smuggling.

Adams won the Hancock case, and began to take rank with Sam Adams, his fiery cousin, and James Otis, eloquent lawyer and politician, as a leading defender of the patriots' cause. In September 1769, Otis got into a tavern brawl with John Robinson, customs commissioner, and was so badly injured that his mind was affected. Adams won substantial dam-

ages and an apology for Otis, but he could do nothing to restore Otis' shattered sanity.

The one case that did most to establish John Adams' fame arose in Boston on March 5, 1770, after a terrified group of British soldiers fired their guns into a raging mob, killing three men instantly and seriously wounding several others. Sam Adams branded it the “Boston Massacre” and demanded that British troops be withdrawn from Boston. Paul Revere contributed to the excitement with a highly-charged engraving of the incident.

At that moment, defense of the British soldiers seemed the most unenviable assignment in North America. Adams accepted out of a “sense of duty,” but he called his own action in defending the British soldiers accused of provoking the Boston Massacre “one of the most gallant, generous, manly and disinterested actions of my whole life.” He was convinced that the evidence was insufficient to convict them, and even with his cousin, Sam Adams, clamoring for vengeance, John felt that a death sentence against them “would have been as foul a stain upon this



Abigail Smith married John in 1764.

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The Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770, depicted by Paul Revere. In an unpopular move, Adams defended accused British soldiers.

country as the executions of the Quakers, of witches, anciently."

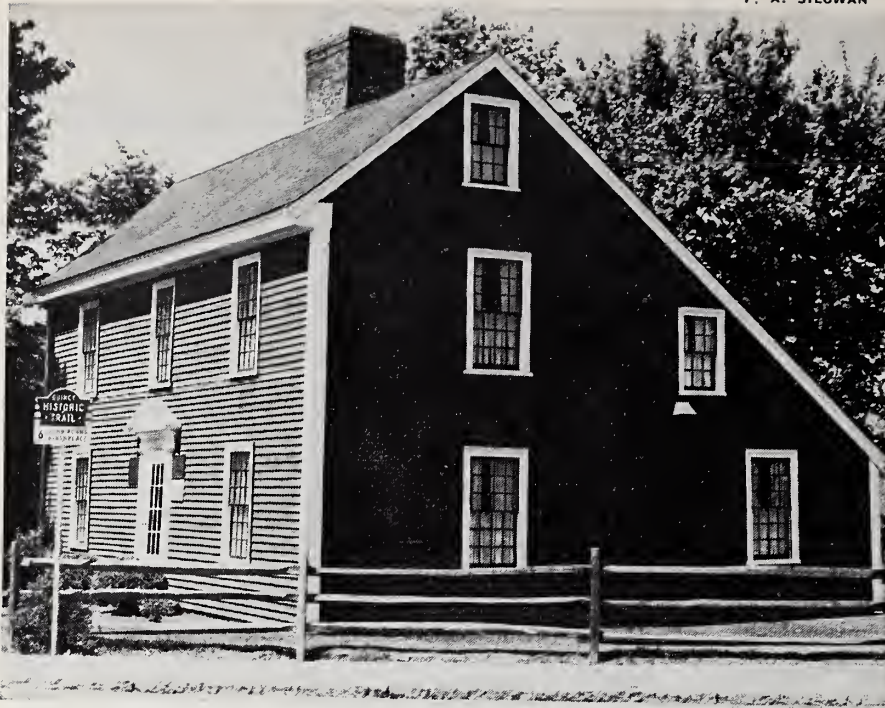
John Adams had already established himself as an ardent defender of American rights, and he had joined his cousin in demanding the withdrawal of British troops from Boston. Nevertheless, he tackled the Massacre trials as a lawyer, rather than a patriot—even though Sam Adams was beating the drums for death sentences against the nine British defendants. John Adams flatly characterized the Boston street crowd as a mob, painted them as a "motley rabble," and implied that the respectable people of Boston had taken no part in baiting the soldiers. Capt. Thomas Preston, who commanded the British detail, was acquitted; in a second trial, six soldiers

were found innocent, and two were branded on the thumb. Adams, who had the courage to face a possible lynching, instead won the admiration of Boston, was elected to the lower house of the Massachusetts legislature and became one of the city's busiest lawyers.

Latin and Greek, which he had learned thoroughly at Harvard, dominated his legal briefs and he larded his public writings with classical quotations. A modern reader cannot wade through his formal prose without experiencing a stupefying boredom. His diary and personal letters, on the other hand, sizzled with gossip, snide comments on his contemporaries, racy anecdotes and the sparkle of humanity. After he became a full-time politician in Amer-

ica and Europe, he taught himself the rudiments of French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and German, working out of grammars and dictionaries he bought along the way. He owned a library of 3,000 volumes—one of the largest in the Colonies—and he somehow found time to read or consult most of them.

His law practice, which required the help of two assistants, was at its peak while he took time out to accept election in 1774 to the First Continental Congress and the Massachusetts Provincial Congress. After that, the winning of independence was his principal concern, even though he found the daily business of Congress "tedious beyond expression." He envisioned America as "a great, unwieldy body" whose prog-



The birthplace of John Adams at Quincy (then Braintree), Mass.

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JOHN ADAMS—He Bustled and Bristled His Way into American History

ress must be slow because "it is like a large fleet sailing under convoy. The fleetest sailors must wait for the dullest and slowest."

When the Boston Tea Party erupted in December 1773, Adams called it "the grandest event that has ever yet happened since the controversy with Britain opened." While many wanted to mend the split with King George III, Adams did not believe reconciliation was possible. The alternative was to fight, and he was convinced that his countrymen would, if pressed, fight. Lexington and Concord confirmed his view.

It now became imperative that the colonies' fighting forces be shaped into one unified service. The first step toward that end was to name a commander-in-chief to head it.

Adams, who did not consider himself qualified for the post, knew also that he was considered a radical in many parts of the colonies and that his native state was also looked at with some suspicion. As an influential delegate to the Congress, he felt that someone outside New England would have to head the army, preferably someone from the South, where the desire for independence was strong.

John Hancock wanted the job, but Adams passed over his former client in his speech to the Congress and named "the amiable, generous and brave" George Washington of Virginia to be Commander-in-Chief.

Hancock was crushed and Washington embarrassed (he quickly left the meeting when his name was proposed). Sam Adams seconded the choice, then action was deferred one day while the two Adamses corralled enough votes to make Washington's selection unanimous.

One writer has estimated that John Adams served on 90 committees of the Continental Congress, and was the chairman of 25. As head of the Committee for Fitting out Armed Vessels, Adams wrote the rules for the American Navy which the Congress adopted in 1775. (In 1798, when he was President, he laid the organizational foundations on which the Navy still stands.) In 1776, he also proposed a military academy, but Congress failed to act.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, but without John Adams to defend it, it might never have come to pass.

Adams, 40 years old in 1776, had met Jefferson, 33, when the two men drew up a resolution replying to "conciliatory proposals" from the British in mid-1775. Jefferson did most of the writing, and he and Adams became friends. Adams respected Jefferson's ability as a writer; Jefferson, a poor public speaker, recognized Adams' gifts as an orator.

In May 1776, Adams wrote the preamble of a resolution calling on the colonies to set up their own

governments if they had not already done so. Thomas Paine's "Common Sense," published the previous January, had spread the idea of independence throughout the colonies, and when Washington drove the British out of Boston in March 1776, Americans of every social strata began to feel that the British connection was finished.

On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution to the Congress proclaiming independence from Britain. Action was postponed until July 1. Delegates sensed that the world had to understand why America was taking this action. They elected a committee to prepare the formal resolution, and Jefferson was named its chairman.

Jefferson wrote a draft of the resolution and showed it to Adams and Franklin, who suggested a few changes in phrasing. A "fair copy" was then made and the entire committee approved it. The finished copy was presented to the Congress on June 28, 1776. The principal debate on the measure was heard on July 1. John Dickinson of Pennsylvania denounced the resolution as premature. It would divide the colonies, and bring war when there was still no assurance that France or Spain would come to the new republic's help. Adams rebutted every argument, speaking while a thunderstorm raged around the Philadelphia State House (later known as Independence Hall). But the vote at the end of a nine-hour session was inconclusive.

Congress convened again on July 2, unanimously passed Lee's independence resolution, and proceeded to discuss Jefferson's declaration. Jefferson could only sit and squirm, but John Adams leaped to his feet repeatedly to defend the document.

The debate continued for three days, with Adams battling tirelessly to preserve the substance of the declaration. It was adopted early in the evening of July 4, but not until 1777 (or, some accounts say, the early 1780's) did the last of the 56 signers place his name on the Declaration. Appropriately, Sam and John Adams were among the signatories.

John Adams, having been elected an American commissioner to France, left the Congress in November 1777 and sailed for Europe. Had he been captured at sea, the British would probably have executed him.

When he reached Paris, Adams found the American commission ripped by feuds. Not until Congress decided to make Franklin the sole minister did the feuds stop. Adams returned to America, and was elected

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Rags to Riches

By GEN. GEORGE C. KENNEY

I SERVED during World War I as a pilot on the Western Front with the 91st U.S. Aero Squadron, and after the armistice in 1918 we moved to Coblenz, Germany, with the American Army of Occupation. It was there that this story begins.

Shortly after the 91st Squadron landed in France in November 1917, the enlisted men had acquired a dog, ancestry unknown but mostly wire-haired Scotch terrier. They christened him Rags and made him mascot of the outfit. He was probably about six months old at that time, highly intelligent, good-natured and quick to learn just about every trick the men taught him.

He became a great favorite and he seemed to feel that the outfit was his organization to defend at all

Gen. George C. Kenney won his wings as a pilot in France in World War I and rose to command all allied air forces in the Pacific at the close of World War II. He later led the Strategic Air Command.

times against canine, feline or other intruders. He was particularly hard on cats but he was smart enough, at the proper moment, to stop the chase and watch them run away rather than risk close combat with the claws of a snarling cornered adversary. After each encounter, he would strut back to be petted by an admiring cheering section.

One morning in Coblenz, I went to the Transportation Section for a final check on materials we had to surrender over to the Army of Occupation when we left for the United States.

As I opened the door, I was greeted by the astounding sight of Sergeant Rowe, the assistant transportation chief, walking around with a duffle bag over his shoulder, jumping up and down, dropping it on the floor, picking it up and continuing



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to walk. Then he stopped, put the bag down, unwrapped a lot of laundry and old clothes and pulled out Rags! The dog was promptly fed some scraps of meat and given a few pats on his head and rear end for a perfect performance.

Sergeant Rowe explained that a soldier was forbidden to take a dog back to the United States so something had to be figured out. Certainly Rags was not to be cast onto the postwar German economy. Besides, the 91st Squadron never had established a reputation for strict adherence to regulations. Obviously, Rags belonged in America, but this meant he would have to be smuggled aboard trains and boats and past inspectors at every stop along the way, including the final tough one when we landed in the United States.

The plan was to conceal Rags in a well-packed duffle bag hidden from the eyes of anyone curious enough to inspect a bunch of dirty laundry. Sergeant Parady, the chief of the Transportation Section, and Rowe were picked to teach Rags to remain

absolutely quiet in that duffle bag while one of the sergeants walked and bumped him up and down and occasionally dropped him on the floor.

I promised to help if needed and to get them out of trouble if they got caught. But I had every confidence that they would get the dog safely to the United States.

At every train stop after we left Coblenz, at Colombey-les-Belles, Le Mans and Brest, I asked about the dog. Rags was doing his stuff perfectly.

"Captain, it's in the bag," laughed Sergeant Rowe.

They had only one close call. It came during a ten-day wait at Le Mans. Rags had been trained to answer nature's call only on command from one of the two sergeant instructors. They specified time and place. They also were in charge of the dog's exercise schedule. Lookouts were posted at every window and door of the Le Mans barracks while Rags chased a ball up and down the room.

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Small Business

By NIEL HEARD

IS SMALL business an endangered species?

Can it survive our recession-inflation economy?

Can it create the jobs demanded by a growing work force?

The questions echo in 1976 political dialogue. Major parties are holding hearings across the country, and at their conventions they will hammer together business cure-alls. But will they reach the heart of the problems?

Many presume to speak for American free enterprise, yet business is fragmented and too often unable to articulate its needs effectively. Too often it is no match for anti-business voices in Washington and state capitols.

Fewer than half a million of the nearly 6 million enterprises listed by the Small Business Administration belong to organizations and have formal spokesmen. (More than 9 million Americans are engaged in individual business activities.)

Recent political history offers them little encouragement. Since the advent of television, platform hearings have developed a carnival atmosphere. The emphasis is on "theater."

**It is the Nation's No. 1 Source of New Jobs
But Fears of 30's Still Plague Main Street.**

Small business deserves better. It makes up 47 per cent of all non-farm, non-government jobs. More than half of all Americans depend on small business for their livelihood. Small businesses account for 70 per cent of the nation's retail and wholesale transactions. Small manufacturers account for more than 43 per cent of the nation's production output.

Until the Great Depression, there was little concern about U.S. business, large or small. God was in His heaven at an altitude just slightly higher than the Dow-Jones averages and the United States Chamber of Commerce, chartered by Congress in 1912, was His handmaiden.

Then came the crash. The impossible happened. Demagogues accused business of leading the nation into a trap. Dark suspicions were born that still linger.

Business has never really regained its "good name" and has been the object of experimental government panaceas for almost half a century. Arguments still rage over the recovery programs of Franklin D.

Roosevelt, but early in his first administration he did bring together on a common ground all business, big and small, to support almost unanimously the National Recovery Act.

NRA was simple in concept. It brought together all business to write minimum price codes.

Of course, this was the antithesis of traditional American free enterprise and in due time the Supreme Court declared NRA unconstitutional.

Why did Roosevelt promote NRA? We can only guess. Several of his advisors may have been influenced by the economic encyclicals of Pope Leo X. These set forth the dogma that if business-found profits were so low that it was impossible for employers to pay workers a living wage, then businesses were bound to get together and set price schedules that would permit salaries sufficient for a worker to support his family.

The collapse of NRA left small business confused and angry. This anger was quickly focused on the coincident spread of the chain store

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in the mid-1930's. It became popular to denounce the chains, especially in food retailing, as a great evil force that would destroy small business and farmers and eventually gouge the consumers.

The fear that chains would take over the entire food industry was never realized, but the fear was strong enough in 1936 to push through the Robinson-Patman Act. The act made it illegal to sell at ruinously low prices with the intent of driving out competition. The rationale was that a chain might use profits from other markets to drive everybody out of a given market, then force the public to pay excessive prices. There is really no evidence that this ever happened.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce refused to support antichain campaigns, including proposals for discriminatory taxes. The result was ill will along Main Street toward the Chamber. Remnants still exist.

A national small business conference in Washington in 1938 only emphasized disagreements. Any second effort was forgotten when Hitler went on the march. After Pearl Harbor any attacks on big business supplying the tanks, planes, armor plate and ships for America's victory were

considered virtually unpatriotic.

Oh, there were prophets of doom who warned that peace would bring a catastrophic depression. Fortunately, they did not reckon with the pent-up demand for consumer goods, the forced savings created by wartime credit restrictions and the impact of the GI Bill of Rights. Instead of a bust there was a boom.

The post-World War II recovery fueled national optimism for 25 years. There were occasional slowdowns, but few were prepared for the 1972-75 setback. Unemployment benefits and other welfare programs cushioned the impact but the recession has provoked basic questions.

Headlines have gone to big problems, as usual: the crash of the nation's seventh largest corporation, Penn-Central, the bankruptcy and reorganization of the far-flung Botany Industries, the cutbacks at Chrysler, the \$600 million deficit of the W.T. Grant chain, the losses of the supposedly impregnable Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., etc.

Statistically at least, small business has fared better. In 1930, with a population of around 125 million, there were slightly over 3 million small enterprises, or one for every 40 people. In 1975, with a population

of 214 million, there were slightly more than 5.5 million small businesses—one for every 38 people.

But small firms have not escaped the ravages of reduced sales, lower profits and other recession factors. And the average age of the independent entrepreneur is climbing. Apparently not enough young people are inclined, or can save the capital, to go into business for themselves.

Who will carry the ball for small business?

The most effective spokesman for all business, large and small, should be the United States Chamber of Commerce. It is the only business organization chartered by the Congress. In 1912, when the charter was issued, it was assumed that this organization would effectively represent all business. But the Chamber, maintaining a staff of 850, shows a membership of only 40,000 and many corporations enroll more than one executive.

Small business theoretically has an input into the U.S. Chamber from a loose affiliation with local Chambers of Commerce and trade associations, but these affiliations have shrunk to 4,000 and their influence varies.

If there is apathy along Main Street toward the United States

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Chamber of Commerce, some of it, at least, dates from the chain store tax fight of the thirties when it became popular to depict the Chamber as the fountainhead of huge interests and a too-frequent ally of big labor.

The provincialism of many small business people also prevented their understanding the postwar thrust of the Chamber.

Research by Faculty Associates, Inc., shows more than 72 per cent of the smaller enterprises have less than ten employees, and 70 per cent of the total are located in non-metropolitan areas.

It often is difficult in such an environment to comprehend that the industrial productivity of the United States, operating at full employment, is too vast to be absorbed by a domestic market of 214 million. Unless America successfully competes in the global market of some 3 billion people, the domestic job market cannot be expanded.

In the postwar period, the U.S. Chamber has cooperated with the Department of Commerce in the development of this world market. The record is impressive. In 1960, the value of U.S. manufacture exports totalled \$12.7 billion. By the time the recessionary cycle hit in 1973 it had jumped to \$48.5 billion.

Large segments of the small business community, engrossed in their own immediate affairs, find it difficult to realize the significance of these statistics, let alone locate the tools required to compete in a highly competitive world.

Many sectors of small business also have been slow to utilize another powerful force for new jobs—the Small Business Administration.

Set up in 1953, SBA was designed to give smaller firms government contracts that fell into their capabilities, particularly in the defense area.

Defense is a multibillion-dollar undertaking. And unlike the \$10 musket of a more primitive time, modern weaponry demands big industry. Yet there are items on the defense shopping list—some say a quarter of the total—that can be made by smaller firms. SBA has a creditable record in setting aside these contracts for bids by smaller enterprises.

But controversy rages over SBA's authority to lend or guarantee loans.

There are two classes of small business. Both have the same financial genesis: savings, or help from family or friends. Most aspire only to continue in operation, provide the owners with a living and satisfy the urge to be their own boss. Their bor-

rowing requirements, if the enterprise is properly managed, are usually minor and can be handled through local banks.

But there is another class of small business, representing about ten per cent of the entire sector. It has the potential for major expansion and new jobs. Unlike big stock corporations, with access to the public money markets, the small business with growth potential must generate extra capital out of earnings to afford any expansion. Current tax policies make this difficult, if not impossible.

Yet this is the yeast that keeps the American economy rising. But how does the innovator secure capital, install equipment, enlarge quarters, finance an inventory of raw materials or develop a distribution system?

This was the original intent of the SBA loan program. It was to help bankers understand developments outside their experience or expertise.

Today, the nation's overriding problem is more jobs. They depend on expanding business. And that depends on capital.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has never been given the credit he deserves when, as administrator in Japan, he broke up the economic hold of the Zaibatsu cartels. By arrangement, these cartels controlled much of Japan's industry, and inhibited full exploitation of her economic potential.

Small businessmen in Japan, either as direct shippers or producers of component parts, account for a major share of their country's export volume.

Under Japanese law, manufacturing or processing firms with a capitalization of less than \$180,000 are classed as small business. They can borrow from banks that deal exclusively in loans to small business and are supported by the savings of the Japanese people, who are noted for their thrift.

In the United States, small business must compete at the lending window with many elements, including government.

A partial compromise with the Japanese system was enacted in 1958 when Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama won a fight to amend the SBA Act and set up Small Business Investment Companies. When a group of small investors pool capital to invest in growth-potential small firms, SBA can loan additional capital.

The typical SBIC is composed of experienced business people and controls the stock in the developing firm

until the loan is paid off.

But small business people tend to be fiercely independent and some resent an SBIC voice in management. Others welcome additional expertise and guidance. But high interest rates have curtailed SBIC activity.

During the Johnson administration it was ordered to develop black capitalism. The equity in this idea was clear, but the ground rules left a lot to be desired and the now defunct Office of Economic Opportunity added to the confusion. In the Nixon administration, a similar program was set up in the Commerce Department. Yet SBA continues to serve a valuable function. The confidence of banks in SBA expertise is reflected every time they accept SBA loan evaluations. It is doubtful that many banks could duplicate SBA's investigative and analytical work. SBA could be stronger; the total small business sector could be stronger; but who will argue the cause?

One voice is that of the National Small Business Association. Since 1937, NSBA has reflected the vigor of its late founder DeWitt Emery. It has a membership of 40,000 manufacturers, processors and other firms which might be characterized as the "blue chips" of small business. It represents the largest group of growth-potential small firms.

In 1975, NSBA won concessions on the corporate income tax structure that had lumped firms making \$25,000 per year with those earning a billion dollars. Now it is seeking a graduated corporate income tax so that smaller firms can retain more earnings to expand operations.

The oldest small business organization, founded in 1900, is the National Business League, currently listing 15,000 members—all black.

Headed by Berkley Burrell, a dynamic 56-year-old business owner, bank director, adjunct professor at Howard Univ. and guest lecturer at Vanderbilt Univ., the National Business League has achieved recognition in government and business circles.

Burrell has avoided emotional grievances. NBL conventions attract thousands, blacks and whites, from all phases of business and government as well as sociologists and social scientists.

A regular spokesman for small business interests at national political platform meetings since 1956 is the National Federation of Independent Business, headquartered in San Mateo, Calif., and maintaining a Washington lobbying office.

The Federation is a homogeneous operation. It claims a membership of

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**VETERANS PENSION INCREASES ENACTED
IN CLOSING DAYS OF 1975 CONGRESS:**

Congress has passed and the President has signed legislation (PL94-169) to increase by about 8% the monthly benefit rates and by \$300 the maximum annual income limitations applicable to payment of nonservice-connected disability and death pension to wartime veterans, their widows and children and to parents of deceased veterans who are in receipt of dependency and indemnity compensation.

Further, the 8% increases will apply to (1) the aid and attendance rate and the housebound rate for veterans (2) the aid and attendance rate for widows in receipt of pension (3) the dependency and indemnity compensation programs for parents and (4) for widows and parents receiving death compensation...The increase in income limits (but not the 8% boost in rates) also applies to "old law" pensioners--those in receipt of benefits under laws in effect as of June 30, 1960.

The new law--admittedly a stop-gap measure--partially satisfies Legion mandates on the subject, only because it provides some relief for pensioners and should save many from going off the rolls entirely...However, once again an interim solution has been enacted and there are increasing numbers of legislators who will be seeking a more permanent and flexible remedy to come out of the Second Session of the 94th Congress, hopefully before the summer is over.

The Legion has been pressing a plan which it believes will be more closely fitted to pensioners' needs...Key feature is a ceiling for pension benefits which would respond to cost-of-living increases authorized for Social Security benefits.

This would lessen the reduction of total income that occurs when Social Security or other benefit rates are raised to the extent that they push incomes to the limit of the law...Affected pensioners are very sensitive to the fact that the mail that brings them an increase in Social Security benefits could also be bringing a decrease in veterans pension benefits with the result that continuing inflation leaves them still further behind.

The Legion believes its plan would: 1-assure a level of income above the minimum subsistence level; 2-prevent veterans and widows from having to turn to welfare assistance; 3-treat similarly

circumstanced pensioners equally; 4-provide the greatest pension for those with the greatest needs; and 5-guarantee regular increases in pension which fully account for increases in the cost of living.

**LEGION TESTIFIES ON TWO HOUSE BILLS
CONCERNING ARLINGTON NAT'L CEMETERY:**

Before the First Session of the 94th Congress ended, The American Legion testified before the House Subcommittee on Cemeteries and Burial Benefits at hearings held on two bills relating to Arlington National Cemetery...The first, HR3103, would require the Secretary of the Army to permit the burial in Arlington National Cemetery of all veterans and their eligible dependents...This bill is supported by the Legion...The second bill, HR3577, to transfer Arlington National Cemetery to the National Cemetery System (operated by the VA) is opposed by the Legion.

Here's the current eligibility criteria for burial at Arlington as announced Feb. 10, 1967; (1) persons who die on active duty in the armed forces (2) retired members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who have performed active federal service, are carried on official service retired lists and are eligible to receive compensation stemming from service in the armed forces (3) recipients of the Medal of Honor (4) persons otherwise eligible by reason of honorable military service who have also held elective office in the U.S. Government or served on the Supreme Court or in the Cabinet or in an office compensated at Level II under the Executive Salary Act and (5) the spouses, minor children and dependent adult children of the persons listed in 1-4, and of persons already buried in Arlington...The Legion has always maintained that burial at Arlington should be open to all veterans and their eligible survivors as long as space is available.

The Legion is against HR3577, to transfer Arlington from Dep't of the Army jurisdiction to the VA's National Cemetery System because it feels the Army is uniquely equipped to operate, maintain and guard Arlington (including the Tomb of the Unknowns and other famous monuments and shrines), as well as to provide necessary ceremonials on various patriotic and memorial occasions.

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AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY, 1976

Legion Nat'l Membership Up 23,117 As 1975 Books Close

Solid gain of 23,117 members brings 1975 enrollments up to 2,696,324 mark; eight departments achieve all-time highs and 35 exceed their previous year's membership: For '76, Legion is off to fast start with 2,043,614 as of January 5th.

The American Legion ended 1975 with a solid membership gain of 23,117 members, bringing its total enrollment for the year to 2,696,324. The upward surge wiped out the 1974 loss of 23,577 members and put the Legion in excellent position to go over the 2.7 million mark in Bicentennial 1976.

Here are some statistics which show why the Legion gained ground in 1975. Eight departments reached all-time

highs, 35 exceeded their final 1974 total as compared to 20 which did so in the previous year and 30 departments reached their assigned goals, as compared to 25 for 1974.

Of the eight departments which reached all-time highs, seven were repeats; Arizona, Florida, France, Maryland, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. New Hampshire is the newest member to join that exclusive

club. For Minnesota it was the 11th straight year of all-time highs, for Florida it was the 10th, for Maryland the ninth and for North Dakota, the eighth. (A chart showing each department's 1975 totals as compared to 1974 year-end totals appears on the next page.)

Enrollments came in with a rush for 1976 and the pace has not slowed as of this writing. The Early Bird target for October 7 was 716,268 and actual membership received at Nat'l Hq totaled 1,009,197 with the first-million mark achieved twelve days ahead of the previous year. Forty-eight departments qualified for the Early Bird Award.

When Veterans Day came 50 departments had qualified on that target date with a membership of 1,657,341—an excess of 236,000 over target.

By Dec. 3, membership had already reached 1,761,502—an increase of 111,934 over the same date a year earlier and brought the Legion within 200,000 of the first target for the 1976 calendar year.

End of year competition (Dec. 31, 1975) on 1976 membership is based on transmittals postmarked at Department levels no later than January 6, 1976 and standings based on that membership determine the modified housing priorities for the Seattle National Convention (Aug. 20-26, 1976).

The Legion's second membership target for 1976 will be March 31, when enrollments should exceed 2,487,782 and mark the close of the Legion birthday competition.

Parade position for the Seattle National Convention will be based on membership postmarked no later than May 3, and the final 1976 target date will be July 26, when delegate strength will be determined for the Convention.

Membership & Post Activities workers at Nat'l Hq give much of the credit for 1976's fast start to the Direct Renewal Program which for this year will have all but three states in the computer (the Departments of New Hampshire, North Dakota and Hawaii). North Dakota has indicated it may join the program in the 1977 membership year on a limited basis. For 1976 Nat'l Hq paid the total cost of first dues notices with departments and posts paying the tab on second and third notices, if desired. The latter are becoming increasingly popular as posts discover their usefulness and low cost features. Foreign and outlying departments are not participating in the program.

The American Legion's King-Sized Posts

Here are the 33 posts of The American Legion with enrollments of 2,000 or more members as of Dec. 31, 1975. There were 28 king-sized posts in 1974.

POST	CITY	DEPT	MEMBERSHIP
1. Lincoln Post No. 3	Lincoln	Nebraska	7,545
2. Minneapolis-Richfield Post No. 435	Richfield	Minnesota	7,046
3. Omaha Post No. 1	Omaha	Nebraska	4,637
4. Westphal Post No. 251	Robbinsdale	Minnesota	4,561
5. Lowe-McFarlane Post No. 14	Shreveport	Louisiana	4,362
6. Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post No. 1	Denver	Colorado	3,849
7. M. M. Eberts Post No. 1	Little Rock	Arkansas	3,601
8. Gilbert C. Grafton Post No. 2	Fargo	North Dakota	3,530
9. Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	3,385
10. Nicholson Post No. 38	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	3,216
11. Hanford Post No. 5	Cedar Rapids	Iowa	3,125
12. William G. Carroll Post No. 26	Minot	North Dakota	2,967
13. Capitol Post No. 1	Topeka	Kansas	2,936
14. Hickory Post No. 48	Hickory	North Carolina	2,914
15. Parkville Post No. 183	Parkville	Maryland	2,869
16. Adam Plewacki Post No. 799	Buffalo	New York	2,859
17. Los Angeles Police Post No. 381	Los Angeles	California	2,719
18. East Liberty Post No. 5	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	2,611
19. Harvey W. Seeds Post No. 29	Miami	Florida	2,534
20. James Dickey Post No. 23	Portsmouth	Ohio	2,514
21. Lloyd Spetz Post No. 1	Bismarck	North Dakota	2,499
(22. Nashville Post No. 5	Nashville	Tennessee	2,326
(22. Greenbelt Post No. 136	Greenbelt	Maryland	2,326
24. Smith Reynolds Post No. 14	Vancouver	Washington	2,303
25. Red Lion Post No. 543	Red Lion	Pennsylvania	2,219
26. Austin Post No. 91	Austin	Minnesota	2,114
27. Carson-Wilson Post No. 1	Tulsa	Oklahoma	2,101
28. Marietta Post No. 64	Marietta	Ohio	2,082
29. Commonwealth Edison Post No. 118	Chicago	Illinois	2,076
30. Capt. C. R. Oliver Post No. 154	Elmira Heights	New York	2,069
31. Luke-Greenway Post No. 1	Phoenix	Arizona	2,047
32. Hammond Post No. 3	Kingsport	Tennessee	2,016
33. Memphis Post No. 1	Memphis	Tennessee	2,003

American Legion Membership

Here is the departmental breakdown of Legion enrollments for the years 1974 and 1975.

	1974	1975
ALA.	29,161..	28,978
ALASKA ..	3,570..	3,516
ARIZ.	18,748..	19,025
ARK.	31,883..	31,576
CALIF.	118,378..	118,988
CANADA ..	724..	707
COLO.	20,072..	20,050
CONN.	30,469..	30,242
DEL.	5,073..	5,265
D.C.	6,453..	6,476
FLA.	57,945..	58,031
FRANCE ..	5,136..	5,953
GA.	45,442..	44,420
HA.	5,403..	4,429
IDA.	7,377..	7,418
ILL.	177,570..	177,499
IND.	125,107..	125,761
IOWA	93,151..	93,398
ITALY	2,008..	1,878
KANS.	59,535..	60,801
KY.	29,158..	29,610
LA.	48,925..	49,593
ME.	23,037..	23,123
MD.	52,534..	54,377
MASS.	75,605..	74,714
MEXICO ..	1,445..	1,223
MICH.	72,311..	74,998
MINN.	117,199..	119,938
MISS.	26,192..	25,621
MO.	60,334..	61,176
MONT.	12,774..	12,665
NEB.	61,846..	64,010
NEV.	3,435..	3,503
N.H.	21,284..	21,903
N.J.	77,366..	76,397
N.M.	9,630..	10,177
N.Y.	206,288..	207,038
N.C.	46,756..	45,743
N.D.	34,970..	35,763
OHIO	127,610..	130,449
OKLA.	42,800..	42,606
ORE.	21,850..	22,142
PAN. C.Z. ..	1,206..	1,199
PA.	258,260..	261,883
PHIL.	5,432..	6,793
P. RICO ...	10,852..	11,036
R.I.	11,235..	11,174
S.C.	22,417..	22,140
S.D.	30,751..	31,133
TENN.	47,534..	45,265
TEXAS	75,675..	77,737
UTAH	6,908..	7,043
VT.	12,859..	13,472
VA.	29,066..	30,381
WASH.	36,026..	36,060
W. VA.	25,635..	26,459
WIS.	74,959..	74,846
WYO.	7,838..	8,523

TOTAL 2,673,207.. 2,696,324

The newest membership stabilizing program in the Legion is the Paid-Up-For-Life plan. PUFL was officially launched on a national basis following the close of 1975 Department Conventions and 33 departments are now participating. As of Dec. 1, 1975 over 850 Legionnaires had enrolled in the program with new applications currently being received at the rate of about 15 per day. Eight Legion Departments have alternative plans and many of the others are reconsidering their position on the national plan.

• The Sons of The American Legion racked up 24,571 members for 1975—more than 3,874 over the previous year—and they were running about 6,000 ahead for 1976 at presstime. SAL issued over 81 new squadron charters in both 1974 and 1975. In 1975, New Hampshire and Louisiana formed SAL Detachment Organizations.

From time to time this magazine receives correspondence seeking information and guidance on forming new posts in communities. For those who wish it, a pamphlet entitled "So You Want A New Legion Post?" is available free from the *National Membership & Post Activities Committee, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.*

Legion Washington Conference

The American Legion's 16th Annual Midwinter Conference will take place Feb. 29-March 3, 1976, in Washington, D.C., with housing, meeting rooms, receptions and the National Commander's Banquet to the Congress all to be situated at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

The National Commander's appearance before the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs is scheduled for March 2 with the House meeting at 10:00 a.m., at the Cannon House Office Building and the Senate session at 2:30 p.m., at a site to be decided later.

The Commander's Banquet in honor of Congress will take place on March 2 with dinner starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the Sheraton-Park Ballroom. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and there will be no large reception preceding the banquet. Members of Congress and their wives will be guests of the national organization.

Legion Mascot Blazer Dies

A nationally known Legion mascot, the dog Blazer, a 12-year-old Boxer who appeared in Nat'l Convention and New York Dep't parades since 1967, has died. His last Nat'l parade was Chicago in 1972. He was a familiar figure with his Legion cap, goggles, and pipe. Blazer is buried in a pet cemetery in Hornell, N.Y. He had his own calling card, which said, "Have pipe, will travel."

RAISE FUNDS

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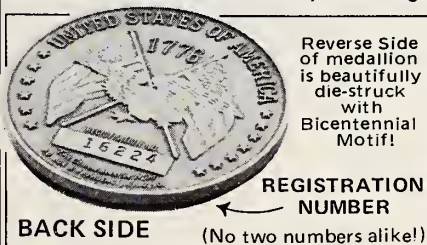
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Pitkin Wins Rudd Award for His Americanism Stories

Robert B. Pitkin, retired editor of The American Legion Magazine, has been given the Augustin G. Rudd Award for 1975 as "the writer who has best stressed the standards and principles of Americanism as they are written into the Constitution of the United States."

The award, which includes a check for \$100, is based on seven articles written in 1975 for this magazine, under either his own name or a pen name: The Bodacious American Language (Pomeroy), The Bicentennial Begins (Knight); Just Off the Highway (Howland and Knight); New Pension Era for 35 Million American Workers (Pomeroy); Fourth of July—Centennial (Pomeroy); Surrender Aboard the USS Missouri—30 Years Ago (Pitkin); and The Bicentennial So Far (Knight).

Cavite Post 2, Philippines, Backs Child Surgery Effort

Operation Harelip is a continuing Child Welfare program conducted by Post 2, Cavite City, Philippines, among indigent young people of Cavite Prov-



Before all-important harelip operation

ince. The objective is to correct facial disfiguration caused by congenital fissures of the upper lip.

Joining the post and unit in this enterprise are many people from other institutions and offices. Doctors and nurses from Veterans Memorial Hospital journey from Manila to the opera-



After: quintet appears in good shape.

tion site, the Dr. Olivia Salamanca Memorial Hospital, each week to perform the necessary surgery, even bringing their anesthesia machine with them. They are assisted by the staff of the latter hospital. Also active is the Philip-

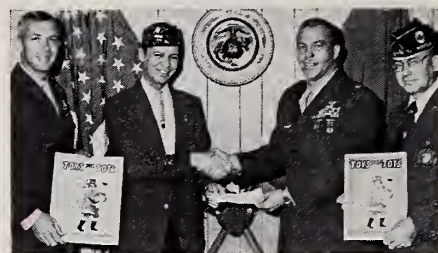
pine Social Welfare Dep't, which investigates each case and certifies it. Auxiliary provides a meal for the visiting medical team and its helpers.

The first-day results were so spectacular that many more Legionnaires pledged their continued financial and moral support. Necessary food and transportation were provided from the Post Welfare Fund, while free medicine was given by Salamanca Hospital.

In the upper photo, three young Fili-pinos await the corrective surgery. In the lower picture, the five first-day patients are shown on the day their stitches were removed.

The Legion at Christmas

Post 327, Norfolk, Va., presented to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve a check



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to kick off its annual Christmas program of Toys for Tots. The Southland Corp., which operates 97 Seven-Eleven stores in the area, opened its doors as collection points for the toys to be picked up by Post 327 Legionnaires. In the photo, l. to rt.: Maj. T.J. Schiporeit, CO, Marine Reserve Naval Amphib Base, Norfolk; Post 327 Cmdr Thomas Rowan; Lt. Col. R. Lockwood, CO, MARTD, NAS, Norfolk; and Post 327 Service Officer Nick Prokopchuk.

Post 20, Bitburg, Germany, through Post Cmdr Glen Rolf and 1st Vice Cmdr Bob Winkler, delivered a check for \$1,000 to Wing Cmdr Col. Fred Kyler, to be used as part of his Commander's Christmas Fund for military and European employees of Bitburg AB. Aside from this gift, Post 20 Legionnaires have donated almost \$6,000 to Spangdahlem and Bitburg Air Bases in support of welfare and youth recreational programs.

POSTS IN ACTION

Adding to the interest and authenticity of Bicentennial activity in **Quincy, Ill.**, is a six-pound field cannon, a duplicate of one captured from General Burgoyne at Saratoga, N.Y., on Oct. 17, 1777. It was made for Quincy's "37th Regiment of the Revolutionary War" (sponsored

by Post 37), by technicians of Gardner-Denver Co. and Electric Wheel Div. of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. from detailed artist's renderings found at Rock Island's Browning Museum. The native white oak timbers needed for the carriage were donated by Dick Snow of Palmyra, Mo. Ownership will pass to the Legion post and, ultimately, to the Adams County Historical Society.



Service from the past tours New England.

Edwin Pinkham, a postal employee and adjutant of **Post 5, Waterville, Me.**, constructed a replica of the post office of 200 years ago and traveled around New England with it. It is shown here in Stratton, Me. Pinkham accompanied the Arnold Expedition Re-enactment from Maine to Quebec, using the Post Office to issue special first day covers dealing with the Bicentennial. Each

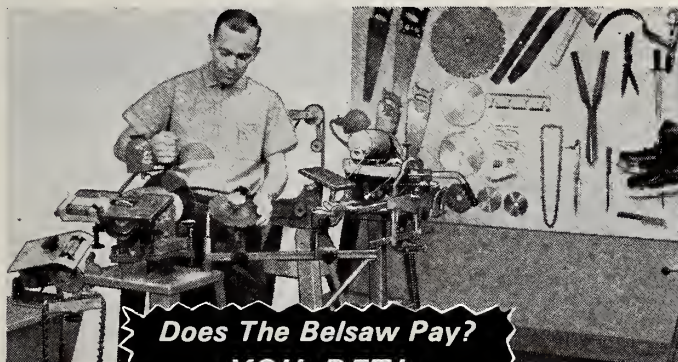
community has its name displayed on the construction.

Post 263, Washington Hts. New York, N.Y., gave six young people college tuition grants of up to \$1,000 each. These will be funded through 1979 to \$98,000. The post gives about \$30,000 each year to Little League and Legion baseball, a track meet, basketball and football, 66 medals and medallions, savings bonds and certificates for American history, Bicentennial posters, essays and artifacts. About 10,000 volunteer hours aid over 500 children. The Auxiliary also held a Poppy Poster Art Contest.

Post 229, Louisville, Ky., and its Auxiliary raised over \$10,000 in its annual Camp Kysoc Carnival for the Kentucky Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, which owns and



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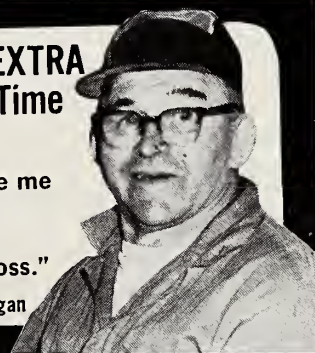
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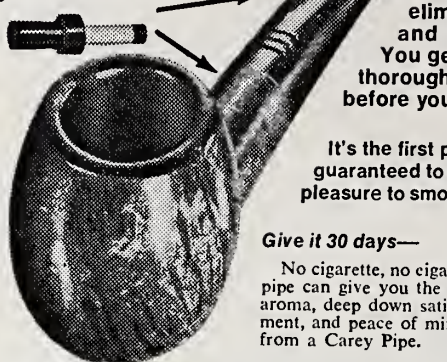
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operates the resident camp at Carrollton. The money is given to the society to help operate the camp. Over the 15 years the carnival has been held, the gifts to the society amount to \$104,610. At center in the photo, George Reinhardt, Post Carnival chairman, and Mrs. Neal Caviness, Auxiliary chairman, at his right, and Mrs. Reinhardt, at his left, present the check to camp directors Alan Kelley, at extreme left, and Stuart Mace, extreme right. Reinhardt, chairman of the carnival for the past three years, was given a citation by Paul Combs, the Society's director of public relations, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and interest in crippled children.



In Washington, D.C., new Legionnaire, Under Sec'y of Labor Robert O. Aders, left, receives membership in Dep't of Labor Post 42 from PCmdr Gordon McNellis. Aders aided a membership drive.



Bicentennial-minded Legionnaires of Florida Atlantic Univ. Post 325 have assembled an exhibit of memorabilia of WW1 through Vietnam War. Included are examples of virtually every type of medal awarded U.S. Armed Forces since 1917, plus personal effects loaned by Post Cmdr Charles Vincent, shown here.

Post 253, Royal Oak, Mich., with its Auxiliary, has made it possible for a group of about 40 physically and visually impaired youngsters, age eight

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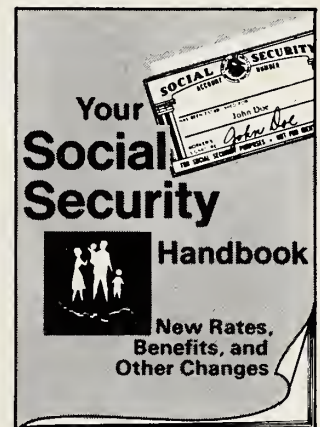
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to 17, from three schools, and nine staff members, to indulge in a bowling program. The activity at Red Run Lanes required the construction of five wooden bowling ramps, paid for by fund-raising projects conducted by parents of some of the children. The post also presented the bowlers with lettered shirts.

In Michigan, approximately 500 fourth grade students in the Sault Ste. Marie Area public schools received the Legion's Color & Learn Bicentennial books. The books were distributed as one of several Bicentennial projects undertaken by Post 3 under the direction of Cmdr John Kessinger and Adjutant James Cole.

Post 144, Williston Park, N.Y., held a free bicycle inspection for all children and adults in the community, and were joined by Village officials and two Nassau County police officers. All bikes were inspected for safety and stamped with a serial number which was recorded in the Village Hall. In case of theft, this number record will make it easier to trace the bike, said Ed Wilenski, Post Children & Youth chairman.

Those attending also saw a film on bike safety and were given leaflets on the subject.



Flag case installed at Post 551, Onarga, Ill., preserves and displays deceased veterans' flags after they have flown from flag pole on Legion lot at local cemetery. Case was designed and built by Past Cmdr Clyde Talbert (at left). Ed Warns, Post 551 Cmdr, is at right.

Post 99, Albuquerque, N.M., won praise from the New Mexico State Em-

ployment Service for its continued cooperation in housing and staffing the annual Veterans Job and Information Day Fair.

Serving for over 35 years as Adjutant of Post 21, Rogersville, Tenn., Max Ellis has written more than 12,000 new Legion members. In the photo, l. to rt.: the 12,000th member, Arville Cooper, receives his membership card from Adjutant Ellis.



A milestone member joins Post 21, Tenn.

Post 30, Camden, Me., donated \$5,000 to the nursing home fund of Camden Community Hospital and \$500 to the Snow Bowl. Shown here accepting the gifts from Past Post Cmdr Robert Bar-



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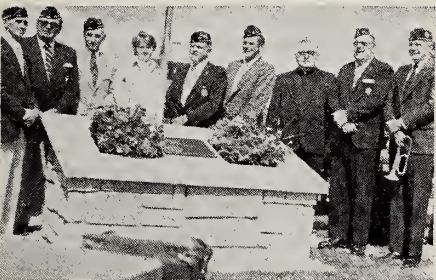
LST 888 (At sea between Guam and Sasebo, Japan Sept 30, 1945)—Need to hear from Lt Curtin, and a medical corpsman who treated Robert L. Tanner, who fell down a ladder and injured his back during a bad storm, and from any other comrades from Unit 44 who recall Tanner being hurt. Write "CD309, American Legion Magazine, 1608 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006



Nursing home fund comes in big winner.

rom (in Legion garb) are, l. to rt., Charles Lowe, Selectman; Elmer Savage, Town Manager, on behalf of the town's Snow Bowl project; and George Martens, Hospital Fund Drive chairman.

Post 519, Stetsonville, Wis., dedicated the new American Legion Park, including a monument and a plaque, inscribed, "Legion Park—Dedicated for the enrichment of the community by the deceased and living members of Boxrucker-Berry Post 519 and Auxiliary." The park includes a ball diamond, playground equipment for children, a well, and other picnic facilities.



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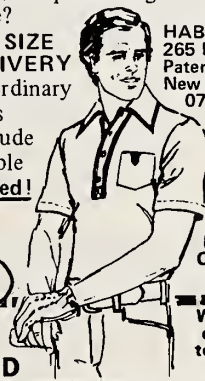
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

John Kane, Rockville, Md., assistant director, Foreign Relations Div., in the Legion's Washington, D.C., Hq, has resigned to accept other employment.

Thomas Annunziata, Huntington, N.Y., given a citation from the VA in recognition of his 50 years of volunteer service to the veterans at the VA Hospital at Northport, N.Y., and the State Hospitals in Suffolk County. Annunziata plays the accordion at ward parties.

Tullio C. Fuligni, Long Island City, N.Y., honored as Veteran of the Year with a plaque from the Elks Nat'l Service Commission and a presentation from the VA, recognizing his dedication to the veteran.

DEATHS

John Charles Meyer, 56, Los Angeles, Ca, retired Air Force general, a leading WW2 flying ace in Europe and later commander of the Strategic Air Command. As commander of fighter units based in Europe in WW2, the then Colonel Meyer flew some 200 missions and was credited with destroying 37 enemy aircraft. He also downed two Russian-built MIG fighters in the Korean fighting.

V. Earle Earp, 79, Monahans, Tex., Past Dep't Cmdr (1931-32).

Harry V. Groome, 76, Riverton, N.J., Past Nat'l Vice Cmdr (1952-53), Past Dep't Cmdr (1949-50).

Harold Charles Hill, 78, Honolulu, Hawaii, Past Dep't Cmdr (1930-31), Past Nat'l Executive Committeeman (1935-37), Past Dep't Adjutant (1936-41, 1953-56). A retired Navy captain (WW2), he was Hawaii's Deputy Territorial Tax Commissioner (1930-36) and executive secretary of the Hawaii State Retirement System from 1955 to 1966.

Jacob Nelson (Nellie) Fox, 47, member of Post 612, St. Thomas, Pa., one of the most acclaimed second basemen ever to play in the major leagues. He was a Korean veteran. He spent 19 years in the majors, 14 of them with the Chicago White Sox, made the All-Star Team 11 years, and was picked four times by the Sporting News as the top second baseman in the majors.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States or Departments.

Joseph J. Pape (1975) Post 234, San Francisco, Calif.
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Leroy Luehrs, R. H. Meeboer, Melvin Middleton, C. Howard Neale and Anthus D. Oldham (all 1975) Post 155, Harvey, Ill.
Tom Jones (1974) and **Quinn Stuby** (1975) Post 223, Harrisburg, Ill.
Edwin Mike Bauer, Ernest Ramsten and Loran Rutledge (all 1975) Post 72, Crawfordville, Ind.
Robert Morgan, George Henry, Robert E. Hughes, Lewis Isom and James W. Land (all 1975) Post 469, Frankton, Ind.
Willie C. Heflin (1975) Post 296, Centertown, Ky.
Francis E. Atchue and George R. Henchey (both 1975) Post 204, West Boylston, Mass.
William A. Coakley and Thomas P. Veale, Jr. (both 1975) Post 275, Chicopee, Mass.
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Gustav A. Bokop (1958), **John W. Zicha, Sr.** (1961), **Steve Maczinko** (1969) and **Joseph R. Ball, Sr.** (1975) Post 434, Englishtown, N.J.
Myron Carnahan, Eugene L. Jaquay (both 1974) and **William W. Hoirink** (1975) Post 181, Randolph, N.Y.
Harry Diamond, David McNamara, Roland F. Smith and John J. Kehrer (all 1975) Post 184, Hudson, N.Y.
John Vetrano, Frank Vobis, George Erfurt (all 1975) Post 854, Valley Stream, N.Y.
Monroe Rosenbush and Rocco Cerullo (both 1974) Post 1039, Central Islip, N.Y.
Joseph Karconik (1975) Post 1443, Greenwood Lake, N.Y.
Francis B. Aceto (1974), **Thomas A. Scalzo** (1975) and **John W. Taylor** (1974) Post 1796, New Windsor, N.Y.
Bernard Howick, Richard Kuntz, Arnold Reiher, Arthur A. Stuckert and Irvin J. Dohse (all 1976) Post 323, St. Marys, O.
Joseph F. Statzer (1975) Post 706, No. Fairfield, O.
Chester H. Rooklidge, G. Edw. Schneibel, Terry D. Schrunck, Floyd L. Shortridge and Edgar T. Stuerhoff, Sr. (all 1975) Post 101, Portland, Ore.
Norman B. Gregory (1976) Post 346, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
Everett Jones, Jr., Donald A. Knott, Leonard C. Maines, Robert B. Muir and Floyd P. Raine (all 1975) Post 908, Scranton, Pa.
Dr. A. R. Sorbel (1972) Post 50, Sisseton, S. Dak.
Paul A. Benz and James B. Dunn (both 1975) Post 50, Toppensish, Wash.
Gordon L. Bodoh (1975) Post 182, Park Falls, Wis.
Daniel S. Remsza (1975) Post 479, Milwaukee, Wis.

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The Kansas Legion and Auxiliary have purchased a Liberty Bell to be placed on permanent display in the State Capitol Building at Topeka. It will be presented to the State during Spring session of the Legislature. Gov. Robert Bennett has granted permission for its display. The Bell replica is 15½" high, 16" in diameter, and it weighs 255 pounds, with original inscription.

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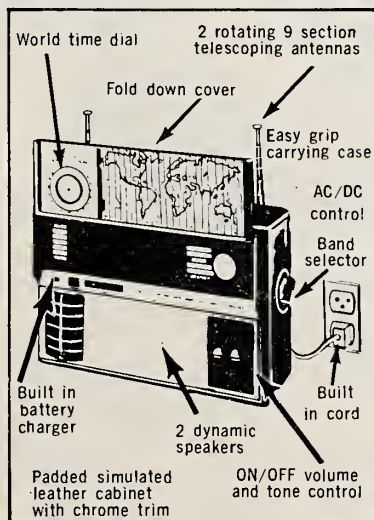
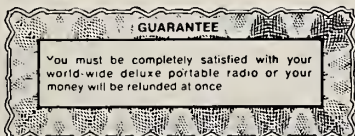
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1st MP Co (1948-52)—(Aug) Dick Dunlap, 1029 Monroe Falls Rd., Kent, O. 44240
2nd Arm'd Div—(July) Russel Lerch, 924 Dewey Ave., Northampton, Pa. 18067
4th Cav—(Aug) Mylo Loberg, Annadale, Minn. 55302
5th Eng Combat Bn (WW2)—(Aug) Edmund Podczaski, RD2, Westminster Rd., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702
7th Sig Serv Bn—(June) Edwin Gimbel, 219 3rd St H.P., Glendive, Mont. 59330
9th Corps Field Art'y, Hq Bat (WW2)—(June) Henry Looper, 3455 Shoreland Dr., Buford, Ga. 30518
9th & 10th Cav—(July) Albert Bly, P.O. Box 6027, Kansas City, Mo. 64110
12th Arm'd Div—(July) Warren Maue, RR#2—Box 154, Germantown, O. 45327
17th Inf, Co E—(June) Robert Schulmeister, 701 Morrison Ave., Waterloo, Ill. 62298
19th Coast Art'y—(June) Robert Martin, 920 E. El Norte Pkwy, Escondido, Ca. 92026
42nd Div—(July) John George Jr., 4941 So. Detroit, Tulsa, Okla. 74105
66th Ord Bn, Co D, 3404th Ord Bn (Iceland)—(July) Al Frederick, 233 Maplewynde Rd., West Bend, WI. 53095
69th Sig Bn (WW2)—(July) Bill Striker, 54 Norwood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14222
73rd FA Bn, Hq Bat—(July) Rudy Merick, Box 204, RD 2, Jeannette, Pa. 15644
84th Div—(Aug) Ray Minor, 1796 S. Bayshore Lane, Miami, Fla. 33133

91st Div (All Units)—(July) Bennie Schneider, R 1, Box 68, Richardton, N. Dak. 58652
101st Airborne Div—(Aug) Harry Brown, 31 Overlook Dr., Ford, N.J. 08863
110th Machine Gun Co (WW1)—(May) Richard Lucht, 1836 6 Ave, Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010
112th Sig Radio InTel Co—(Aug) Ivy Hood, 1627 No. Harding, Wichita, Kans. 67208
131st AAA Gun Bn (WW2)—(July) Fred Kellerman, Jr., 1617 Gilsey Ave., Cincinnati, O. 45205
133rd Inf, Co B—(Aug) Ed Klawitter, 725 Dale St., Hutchinson, Minn. 55350
151st Inf, Co A—(July) John Ferraro, 3711 Washington Ave., Erie, Pa. 16508
160th Inf, Co A—(July) Philip De Palma, 19185 Alcoy Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48205
168th Reg't, AntiTank Co—(May) Robert Ernsberger, RR#5 Box 296C, Bryan, O. 43506
188th, Bat F (957th, Bat C) & Medical Det—(June) Walter Johnson, 401 Pakenham Ave., Grand Forks, N. Dak. 58201
203rd Port Co (WW2)—(Aug) Norris Glidden, 1542 Woodlawn Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46203
212th CA AAA Gp, 733rd AAA Gun Bn, 142nd AW Bn, 1st Missile Bn—(May) Waldo Zagat, 44 Gramercy Park No., New York, N.Y. 10010
223rd Field Art'y Bn—(May) Frank Hasson, 2402 16th Ave., Moline, Ill. 61265
245th Combat Eng Bn, Co C—(May) Robert Jarrett, 2609 So 11th, St. Joseph, Mo. 64503
255th FA Bn (WW2)—(Sept) Marvin George, 122 N. 8th St., San Jose, Cal. 95112
301st Sig Oper Bn—(Aug) Joseph DiDio, 214 Barlow Ave., Cherry Hill, N.J. 08002
341st Eng Reg't, GS, Co D—(Aug) Donald Seaburg, 309 Center Ave., E., Box 189, Dilworth, Minn. 56529
363rd Inf, Co H—(July) Curt Mainz, Box 5, Altenburg, Mo. 63732
406th AAA Gun Bat, 367th Combat Eng—(July) Mrs. Russell Beverley, 105 Viewmont Ct. Rt 7, Charlottesville, Va. 22901
462nd AW Bn—(May) Robert Bennett, 530 E. 20th St., New York, N.Y. 10009
476th AAA Bn—(July) John Phillips, 3564 Bouren Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38122

513th Pcht Inf, Co A—(July) Lloyd Cullen, 208 E. Bowen, Bismarck, N. Dak. 58501
534th AAA Aw Bn, Bat A—(Aug) Carl McFarland, RR#5, Box 86, Sedalia, Mo. 65301
648th Tank Dest Bn—(Aug) Al Vaughan, 919 Garland St., S.W., Camden, Ark. 71701
682nd Eng Bn, Co B (Camp Rucker, Ala. 1951)—(July) Roger Leske, 606 Bluff St. N., Hutchinson, Minn. 55350
741st Tank Bn—(July) Paul Catello, 6514 Lamphear Rd., Rome, N.Y. 13440
752nd Field Art'y Bn (WW2)—(July) Fred Kiser, 209 Bunker Lane, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830
773rd FH Bn—(July) Dean German, 4919 Hawthorne Ter. D., Indianapolis, Ind. 46226
776th TD Bn—(July) Omas Roberts, 305 First National Bldg., Wichita Falls, Tex. 76301
818th Tank Dest Bn—(Aug) James Dalton, 2541 Skippack Pike, Lansdale, Pa. 19446
911th Field Art'y, Hq Bat—(July) Fred Gero, 653 W. County Line Rd., Hatboro, Pa. 19040
1029th Sig Co—(June) Neil Webster, 314 So. River Pk., Guttenberg, Iowa 52052
1906th Avn Eng Bn, H&S Co (WW2) & 35th Combat Eng (Vietnam)—(July) Arthur Burgdorf, 207 Wall St., Michigan City, Ind. 46360

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3rd Marine Div—(July) T. Kelly, 7222 Valley Crest Blvd., Annadale, Va. 22003
35th Seabees—(Sept) Phil Silver, 924 Stratford Ct., Westbury, N.Y. 11590
40th Seabees—(May) Lyle Bramson, 15 Crane Dr., San Anselmo, Cal. 94960
Lion Four—(Aug) E. Gardner, P.O. Box 14, San Pedro, Cal. 90733
Marine Paratroopers (Assoc. of Survivors WW2)—(June) Association of Survivors, c/o D. Severance, P.O. Box 1972, La Jolla, Cal. 92037
Naval Air Sta., Los Alamitos, Ca. (All Military & Civilian Personnel Ever)—(June) Willie Chevallier, 13352 Cypress St., Garden Grove, Cal. 92643
Scouting Sqdn 55 (VS55)—(July) Robert Croman, 5014 Elberta Ave., Canton, O. 44709
USNAAB, Unit B11, Ord Gp, QAB (Plymouth, Eng)—(July) Walter Murphy, 16 Queens Terr., Holliston, Mass. 01746
USS Allentown (PF52)—(July) Albert Maccelis, 5015 Whitman Ter., Pennsauken, N.J. 08109
USS Chicago (WW1)—(Apr) Wm. Underwood, Sr., 1105 Stokes Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108
USS Day (DE225)—(Aug) A. Smith, 441 N. Queen St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603
USS Dobbin—(Aug) John Mansfield, 4016—47th Ave. E., Tacoma, Wash. 98443
USS Ganyemed (AK104)—(July) James Messick, 19 Favored Lane, Levittown, Pa. 19055
USS Knapp (DD653)—(July) Francis Wickeneiser, 1109 Pleasure Rd., Lancaster, Pa. 17601
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USS PC 1252—(July) Elmer Ellis, Rte 1, Box 229-K, L'Anse, Mi. 49946
USS Razorback (S3394)—(Aug) Walter Borney, 46 Reservoir Rd., Rockaway, N.J. 07866
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1081st Guard Sqdn—(June) Jim Finney, 1207 Upland Dr., Austin, Tex. 78741
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In 1943, concerned that the Chamber did not adequately represent the interests of small business, Harder launched his federation "to give small business a voice along with that of big government, big business and big labor."

Members are urged to express their opinions on specific legislative bills

and issues. These are assembled in San Mateo and the majority determines the stand of the Federation before Congressional committees.

For several years, Congressmen were responsive. Then came the Warren court's "one-man, one-vote" decision. Congressional districts were redrawn and rural areas where Federation membership was strongest suffered.

Thus, the total small business picture is fragmented at a crucial moment when jobs must be created.

But if there is no unanimity, some signposts are emerging.

- The Small Business Administration could be elevated to Cabinet rank and given primary responsibility for the creation of more domestic jobs, ending "competition" between SBA and the Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department could then concentrate on expanding American sales, while SBA, armed with research facilities, could argue effectively against job losses that result from tax changes or legislation.

- SBA could leave the lending business to savings and loan associations which are now restricted to the

mortgage field. If released, these firms could enter the small business field for long-term loans to growth-potential firms, without competing with banks for the short-term small business loans. Only ten per cent of independent business has the growth potentialities needed to expand the job market significantly, but they have had too difficult a time in securing expansion capital.

- The charter of the United States Chamber of Commerce could be altered so that every business, regardless of size, could afford a participating membership in the organization and a voice in policy. This would reflect the interdependence of business and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce could become the true spokesman for millions of business enterprises.

These proposals do not reflect on business organizations, but do reflect the national need for more jobs. They deserve to be discussed. **END.**

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The author retired at the end of 1975 as assistant to the president of the National Federation of Independent Business. He has been active for 28 years in business research.*

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tombstones and a "house of decision."

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The American Revolution could have ended right there. The five months that followed the signing of the Declaration of Independence had been an unmitigated military disaster. Washington's ragged army had been driven out of New York, across New Jersey and now it was disintegrating in front of Philadelphia, the nation's largest city. Washington lost 5,000 men that autumn; only 3,000 were left and they lacked food, shoes, clothing, even weapons after the retreat across New Jersey.

Medical supplies were exhausted and when Washington set up headquarters on Dec. 7 in the Thompson-Neely house, the ground floor was already crowded with men on straw litters suffering from wounds, fever, dysentery and pneumonia.

On Dec. 18, Washington wrote his brother John Augustus: "No man, I believe, ever had a greater choice of difficulties and less means to extricate himself from them. The game is almost up."

Consider what confronted him:

He had denied the enemy every boat along the Jersey shore when

he crossed the Delaware, but the respite was only temporary.

Philadelphia shivered in anticipation of their attack. On Dec. 11, Congress had denied rumors that it would quit Philadelphia. On Dec. 13, it fled to Baltimore.

The decision to recross the icy river and risk everything in one desperate surprise attack ranks with the great moments in American history. One can only imagine the scene as Washington outlined it to his officers. (One of them was an 18-year-old lieutenant named James Monroe who became the fifth President of the United States.)

During the meeting, Washington read Thomas Paine's pamphlet "The American Crisis," which had been written during the agonizing retreat across New Jersey.

"These are the times that try men's souls," Paine wrote. "The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country, but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

Before they boarded the big Durham iron-ore boats that Christmas night, Paine's words echoed through Washington's army. By dawn they were realized.

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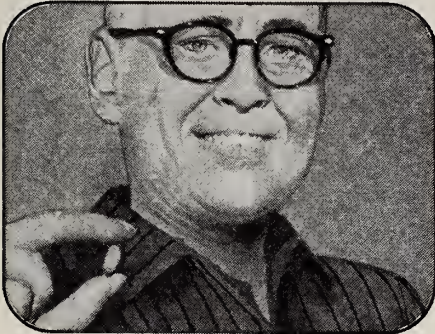
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to the Massachusetts constitutional convention. Before a constitution could be voted on, Congress appointed him, on September 27, 1779, as minister to negotiate a treaty of peace with Great Britain and he sailed for Europe once again, accompanied by his young sons, John Quincy and Charles. The treaty was finally signed in Paris, September 3, 1783, and Adams, Franklin and John Jay were authorized to seek a treaty of commerce with the British.

John was appointed the first American minister to the Court of St. James in 1785. The Adamsses moved to London, finding it expensive, more formal than Paris, and not too friendly.

Back in America, the new states were quarreling among themselves and unified government seemed all but impossible. Sensing this spirit of revolt, Adams wrote his three-volume "Defence of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America," setting down the need for separate but equal branches of government and calling for a bicameral legislature; many of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 cited the work in drawing up the United States Constitution. Adams and Jefferson worked out commercial treaties with Prussia and other European nations. Then, in 1788, Adams, by his own request, wound up his affairs in England and returned to America.

In the election that year, Washington was the unanimous choice for President under the new Constitution. Adams, receiving the next highest number of votes, became Vice President. As such, he found that he had little power, but was a convenient target for Congressmen who did not dare attack the "Father of His Country." He was called a monarchist because he opposed the French Revolution, but in 1792 he was easily reelected Vice President.

When Washington declined a third term, Adams and Jefferson were the only real candidates to succeed him. In 1796, Adams was elected President by three electoral votes.

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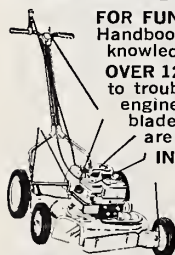
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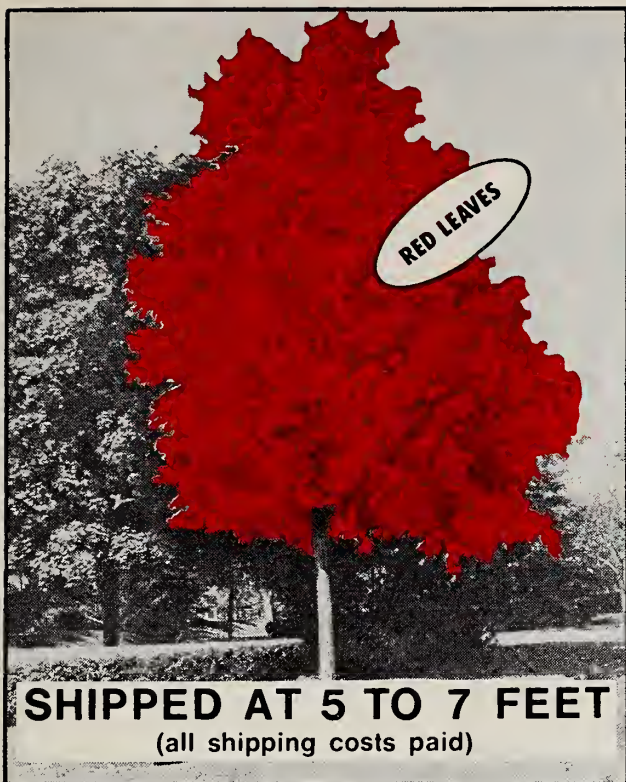
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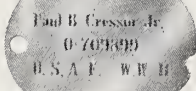
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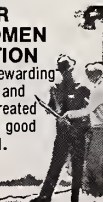
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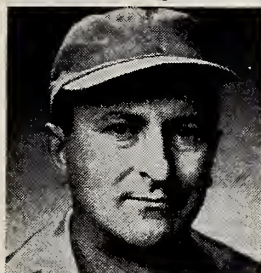
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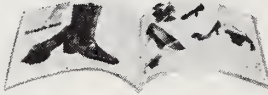
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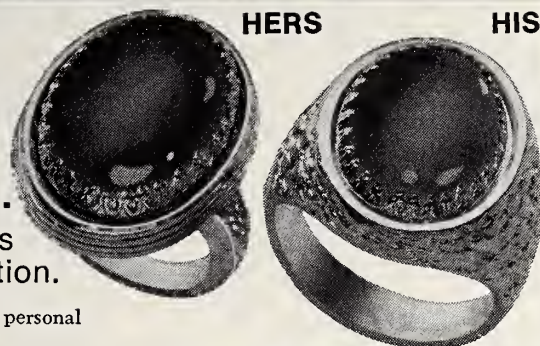
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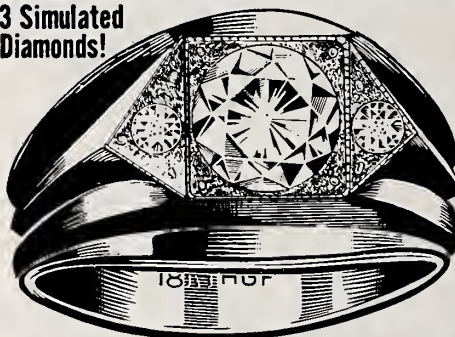
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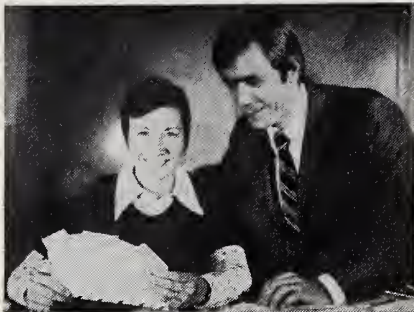
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RAGS TO RICHES



Gen. George C. Kenney

was now taking over Mitchel Field and apparently enjoying every minute of it.

The squadron was demobilized a week later. The enlisted men had decided that Sergeant Parady was to have custody of Rags as long as he lived.

I saw Rags on his last day at Mitchel Field. I patted him on the head and said, "Rags, you old rascal, I wish you all the luck in the world, lots of cats to chase and a long contented life." He wagged his whole rear end and from the look in his brown eyes peering out from under his ragged hair, I felt that he understood every word I said.

It may seem silly now, looking back almost 60 years later, but I felt my eyes getting moist and I hurriedly turned away to say goodbye to the men, particularly the two sergeants who had made it possible for Rags to get safely to the United States. That evening the dog and the sergeant took the train for his home town in Iowa.

Rags, I understand, lived there happily, gaining the respect, admiration and obedience of the whole canine population of the town—as was due a seasoned veteran campaigner of World War I. He lived until the ripe old age of 15 and Parady buried him on the family farm. For several years, if you were out that way on Memorial Day, you could see a little wreath of flowers and a simple wooden marker bearing the inscription:

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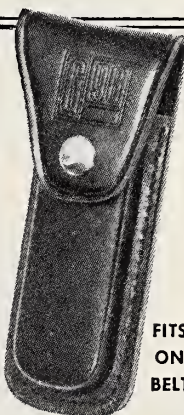
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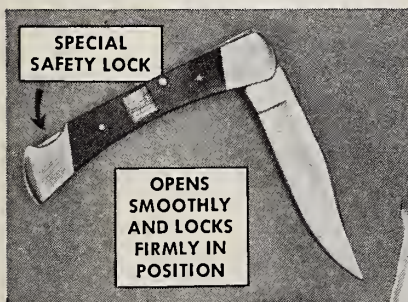
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HOUSING: TO BUY OR RENT? LABOR LOOKS LAMBISH IN '76 KEEP AN EYE ON THESE.

Prospects of an uncertain housing market and high shelter costs bring up the question: **Which is the best bet financially—to buy or rent?**

There's no pat answer, because you rarely have full control of your fate. Mathematically, though, you can get some worthwhile guidelines. **Start by calculating a break even point**—that is, a situation in which renting is as financially advantageous as buying (or vice versa).

Very briefly, the equation for parity between renting and buying is: **Net ownership costs = Rent + Savings.** You can tip the scales either way by certain manipulations (which are best made with the help of a banker or lawyer or accountant, because the mathematics become horrendous). But broadly speaking, the figures usually will show that:

1) **Over a very short period of time—one to three years—it's just as economical to rent as it is to buy,** and it could be cheaper. Reason: Homeowners don't get much equity in a house in the first few years; nor do they gain much on a sale. So the renter immediately starts with this edge: He doesn't have to shell out a down payment.

2) **Over a longer time span, however, the homeowner begins to pull ahead** as his equity increases and profits from a potential sale mount up.

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This is an exceptionally heavy year for the renegotiation of labor contracts. New agreements must be reached in half a dozen major industries to cover almost 5 million employees.

Normally, that means the possibility of strikes and more fuel for inflation. But neither the government nor industry seems worried this time. Overall, the prospects are that 1) wage increases will average about 8%, 2) higher productivity will partially offset the boosts and 3) strikes will be at a minimum. The reason for such a calm outlook: Despite talk of big wage demands, union members really want job security and longer unemployment benefits—issues not as inflammatory as money.

Two areas, though, could spell trouble. One is the rubber industry, where workers claim they are way behind the pay parade and may well strike (end of April). The second is states and municipalities whose employees are restless and increasingly militant (particularly the teachers).

Other major negotiations include: The construction industry; electrical industry; autos and farm machinery, and an assortment of textile and clothing makers. None look particularly dangerous right now.

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Current trends to keep an eye on:

APPLIANCES: Despite relatively high cost (\$250 to \$600), microwave ovens are becoming one of the best sellers the appliance industry has enjoyed in a long time. Sales expectations this year are close to 1 million. Reasons for the bonanza seem to be 1) the new ovens cook food very quickly, 2) they're easy to use, 3) they're compact and 4) they consume only about a third as much electricity as ordinary ovens.

INSURANCE: Get set for another round of hikes on your car and homeowner's premiums, averaging about 10%. Behind the auto boosts are the higher costs of repairs and medical expenses, plus an increase in mishaps (incidentally, over 35% of accidents involve drivers under 25 years of age, and 10% involve drinkers). As for property and casualty insurance, underwriters plead extraordinarily high payouts, say they are having the worst time in their 225-year history.

CHARITY: Your heart may warm to the needy in these winter months, but if you want a tax deduction for your charitable gifts, don't give food, clothing or shelter on your own. Do it through—or with the sanction of—an organization qualified under the Internal Revenue Code.

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Snowmobile Safety

ACCORDING to authorities, snowmobilers should be more concerned with the *safety* of their sport. The snowmobile is not a toy but a motor vehicle that can kill or seriously injure hundreds of people every year. Almost as important is *courtesy*. It is a high-speed, noisy machine which too often violates the rights of other winter sportsmen.

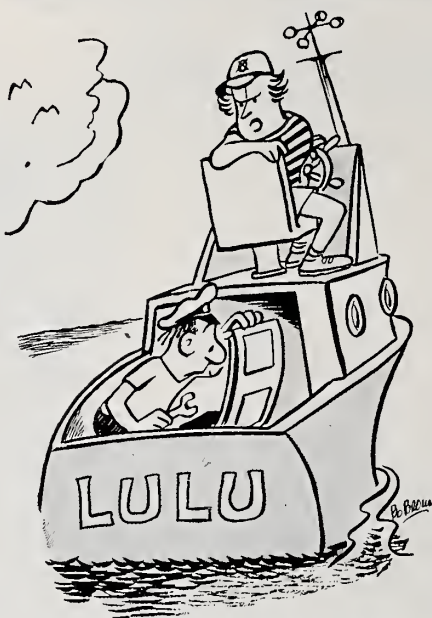
Carelessness is the primary cause of serious accidents, the commonest being collisions with trees, rocks and unexpected obstructions. One driver was decapitated when he ran into a barbed wire. Another, crossing a frozen lake, was struck by a head-high diving board. In unfamiliar areas, safe drivers travel slowly and are always alert. Such cross-country trips should never be attempted by beginners. There can be as much pleasure in traveling a marked trail, preferably one with a guard patrol. A snowmobiler is advised never to attempt an unmarked trip alone but should be accompanied by at least one other machine so one can help the other in case of a breakdown or accident. Jumping can be done safely only by a driver who knows how to post (rising from the seat when the machine leaves the jump, then settling gently back on the seat when the machine drops). Passengers must know how to post, also; one who didn't fractured his spine. Frozen lakes can be dangerous; at least three inches of ice are necessary to support an over-300-pound machine, its driver and passenger. Even on safe ice, the snowmobiles should be at least 50 feet apart to spread their weight. Tipovers are common; drivers and passengers should know how to jump away from the falling machine.

Warm clothing, a helmet, goggles and gloves are required. With an air temperature of zero, when traveling 10 mph. into a 10 mph. wind, the wind chill (equivalent temperature) is *minus 39 degrees*. Experienced snowmobilers carry wind-chill charts, and learn to recognize frost bite as well as how to use their first-aid kits in any emergency.

Discourteous snowmobilers have already aroused the resentment of many other outdoorsmen to the sport. Drivers should never intrude upon areas in use by skiers, snowshoers, ice-fishermen or hunters, and should avoid farm houses, lodges, and camps where the occupants might be sleeping. Like other true sportsmen, they should respect private property and ask the owner's permission before trespassing. The approach to blind corners, people and other vehicles should be made at slow speed. When crossing a road, the snowmobiler should stop, look both ways, then

cross quickly at a right angle, not try to dodge between cars. And he shouldn't harass wildlife with his machine; it's not fair to game or hunters.

AN anchor that will work if the wind and tide aren't too strong is suggested by Walter Dorn of Mishawaka, Ind. Use an empty plastic gallon jug filled with wet sand to the top—no air space. Its handle can take the anchor rope.



"You mean it has an anemometer, a fathometer, a tachometer and a stabilizer and it still won't run?"

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A RECIPE for removing the wild, strong taste from game is submitted by Mrs. Pauline Fouts of Arma, Kan. Soak the cleaned meat overnight in water to which has been added generous amounts of onion slices, salt, and cider vinegar. Wash with clean water before cooking. It tenderizes, too. Might even work for crow!

WHEN parking your car in bad weather, especially freezing rain or snow, put a plastic bag over your side-view mirror. And with small five-and-dime suction cups, fasten sheets of plastic over your windshield and rear window. They'll save a lot of scraping later.

If you have a helpful idea for this feature send it in. If we can use it we'll pay you \$5.00. However, we cannot acknowledge, return, or enter into correspondence concerning contributions. Address: Outdoor Editor, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

legislative, unit. It should not be judged by the amount of time spent in drafting laws.

The subcommittee's most recent work centers on systematic attacks on law enforcement intelligence files and plans of Cuban-trained Puerto Rican revolutionaries to disrupt the observance of the Bicentennial.

Also pending is a report on Cuban Communist pressures on the Cuban exile community, particularly in Florida. Six vocal anti-Castro Cubans have been killed in the Miami area in the last six to eight months. One was "executed" with a car bomb less than 48 hours after a Miami newspaper was told that the victim was a marked man.

The report on law enforcement intelligence discloses that Texas and other states and many large city police departments have destroyed all such files. New York, Los Angeles and Chicago have destroyed approximately 90 per cent of their files because of pressure from civil liberties groups, according to subcommittee sources.

The point is not whether Congress should take action in these matters. The point is that Congress should be aware of them. Without the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee it would have one less source of information, one less avenue of investigation and no forum for public hearing.

It is not difficult to understand the post-Watergate aversion to intelligence operations; surveillance or investigation. But this is a real world where real threats do exist. Terrorist bombs have shaken several American cities; citizens have been killed and maimed. Hardly a day goes by without a Page One account of terrorism, ransom or political extremism.

The American Legion is solidly on record to continue the Internal Security Subcommittee.

A Look at America

This is the second in a Bicentennial series of reminders of how men and women viewed America at various moments in our history. It is taken from a 1939 opinion by Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter:

"The ultimate foundation of a free society is the binding tie of cohesive sentiment. Such a sentiment is fostered by all those agencies of the mind and spirit which may serve to gather up the traditions of a people, transmit them from generation to generation, and thereby create that continuity of a treasured common

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Letters to Editor

SIRS: I was disappointed to read in the October issue (Dateline Washington) that I was "opposing" efforts to tighten up requirements for the Food Stamp Program. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, I have introduced a comprehensive food stamp reform bill which imposes a ceiling on the amount of income a household can have and still qualify for food stamps. It will greatly simplify the administration of the program, thereby reducing the error rate which now accounts for literally hundreds of millions of wasted taxpayers' dollars.

Far from opposing "the Administration's efforts to tighten the food stamp ground rules," I have co-sponsored the Administration's reform bill which contains many excellent provisions which will improve program accountability.

I am hopeful that the Congress will soon enact a reform bill along the lines I have proposed—one that will assure that only the truly needy qualify for assistance.

BOB DOLE, U.S. Senate (Kans.)
Washington, D.C.

MOVING DAY

Effective Feb. 1, the editorial and production offices of The American Legion Magazine move from New York City to the Legion's Washington headquarters building, 1608 K St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20006.

The office of Publisher James F. O'Neil will remain at 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y., 10019.

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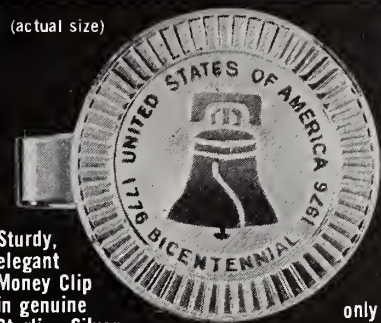
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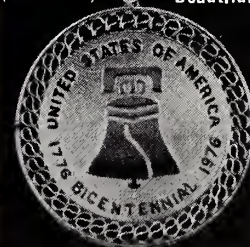
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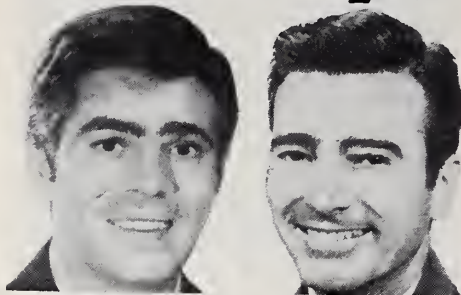
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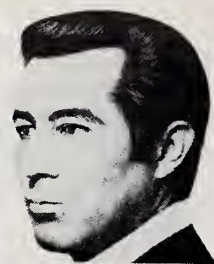
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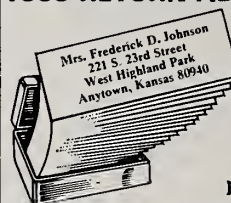
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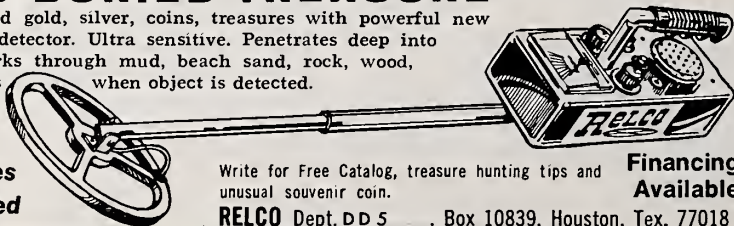
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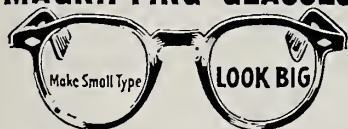
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A burly truck driver dreaded having a dentist work on his teeth. To give his patient courage, the dentist poured him a drink. "Ready?" he inquired.

"I better have another," the truck driver responded shakily.

The dentist poured another and the trucker drank it. For good measure they decided on a third. "How do you feel now?"

"Just fine, fella!" rumbled the truck driver. "And I'd like to see the man foolish enough to mess with my teeth!"

LANE OLINGHOUSE

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"Let's try to make this graduation picture look natural," said mother. "Bill, put your arm around your dad's shoulder."

"If you want it to look natural," said dad, "why not have him put his hand in my pocket?"

LUCILLE S. HARPER

DADDY'S LITTLE HELPER

Before leaving the overcrowded elevator, a woman whirled around and belted the man behind her with her handbag, then stalked out of the car.

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